Glory Days

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Marvin

To a very big showoff! Good luck in everything you do.

Tammy

1986

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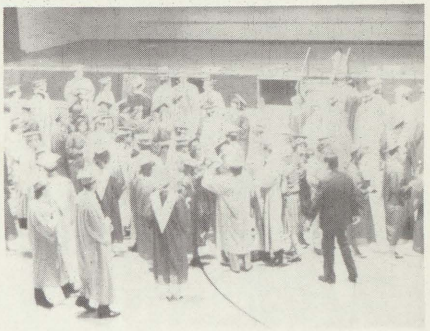

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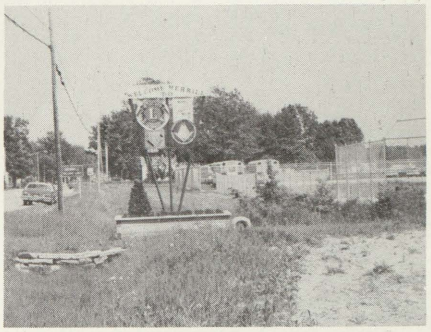

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Merrill High
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Ha bro, "87"

whatcha been upto lately? Have fun after you get out of school? Remember you said, "you are going to throw me a party!" & I can't wait until you turn 21. Make sure you have fun this year, because after this year you will have to get a job & can't party as much as you can this year. Good luck in everything you do with your life.

Love your
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Melissa
"88"
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P.S. a
new
roommate!!

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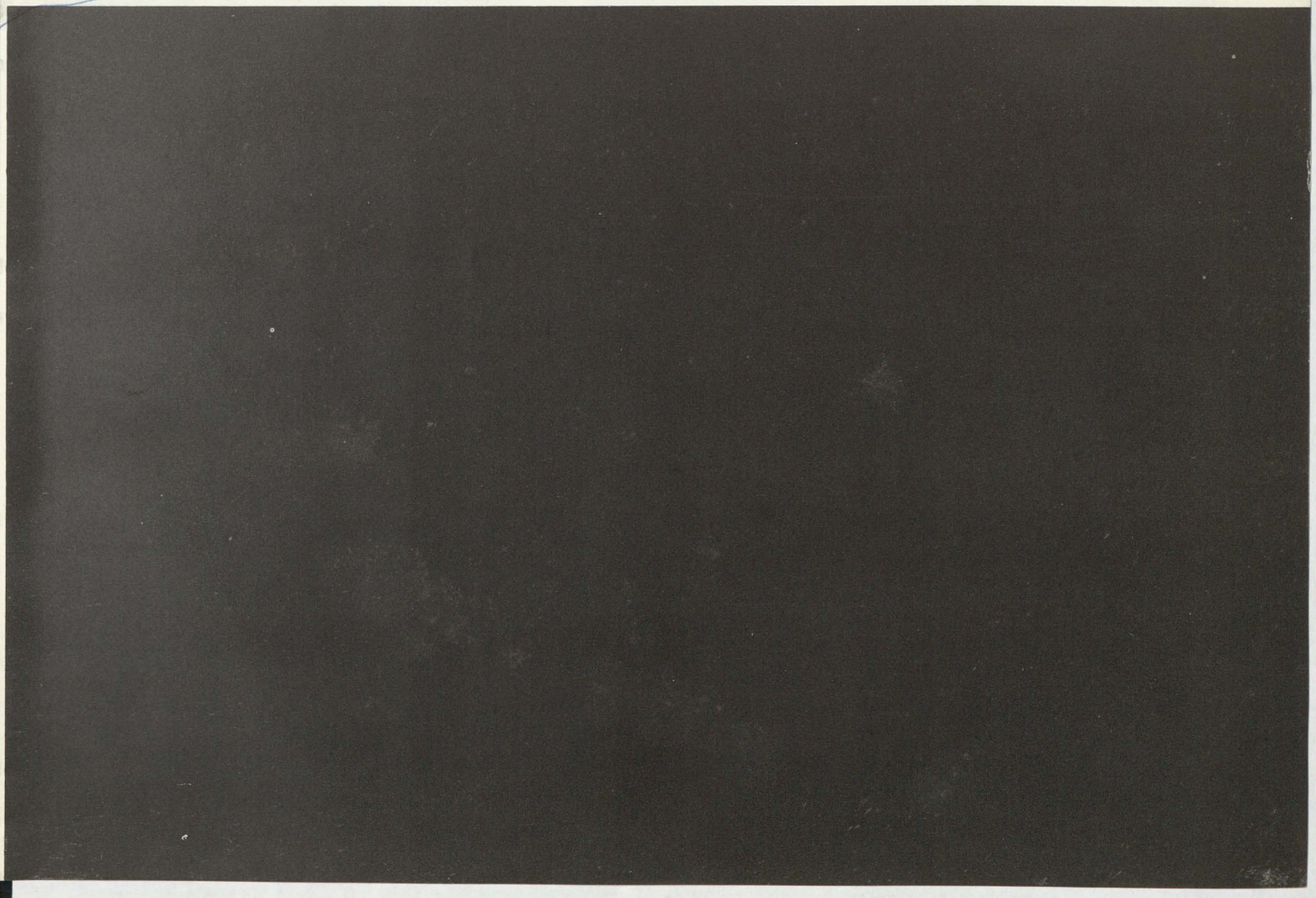
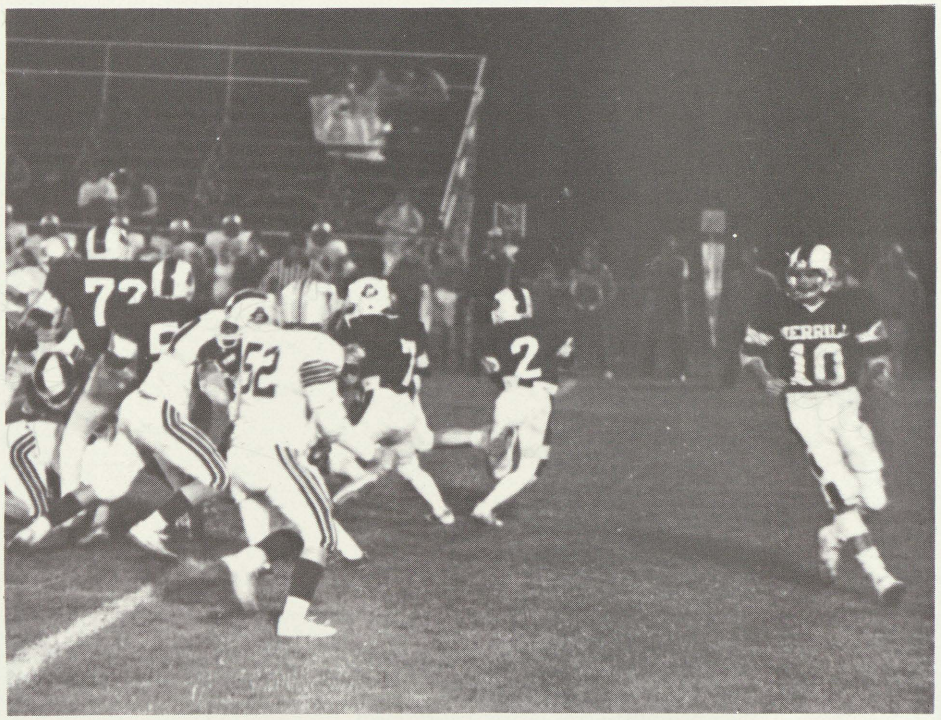


Varsity Football Battles Another Year

Muddy orange and black uniforms were a common sight after a vicious fight on the field. Like their uniforms the Vandals spirits were sometimes stained. They longed for their moment to redeem themselves and inflict the embarrassment all too often felt by themselves into their opponents. The continous losing streak did not dim their hopes or shadow their possibilities. But as the final numbers tallied up, and the final growls were heard from the Vandal huddle, the Vandals landed in last place at the season close with 8 losses and 1 win.



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1. Standing together, the Cheerleaders show their pride.

2.A well planned play goes smoothly.

3.Flanking 1st Team All-Conference Lineman *Pat Scholl* (in alphabetical order) include: Honorable Mentions *Greg De Shone, Dennis Kollhoff, Terry Koviak and Kurt Shields.*

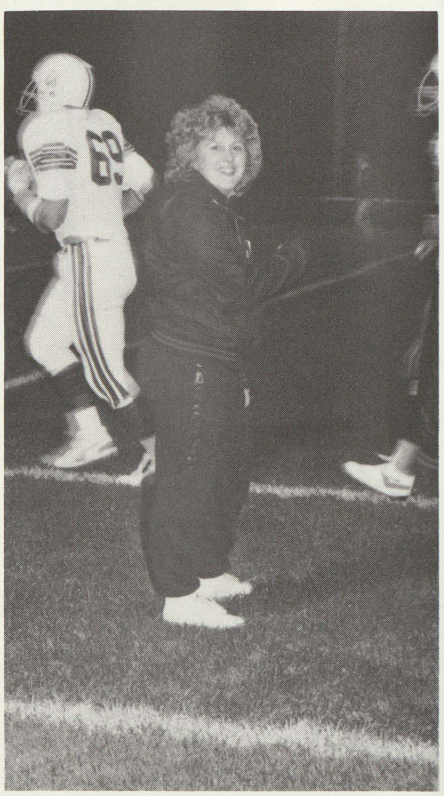
4. *Shawn Penny* sparkles with pre-game anticipation.

5. Preparing for the next fight on the front line!

1985 Varsity Football

Record: 1-8

We	They	
14	0	Reese
0	14	St. Charles
7	34	Freeland
8	48	Seminary
14	33	St. Louis
0	26	Ithaca
0	35	Shepherd
0	19	Breckenridge
7	14	U.S.A.



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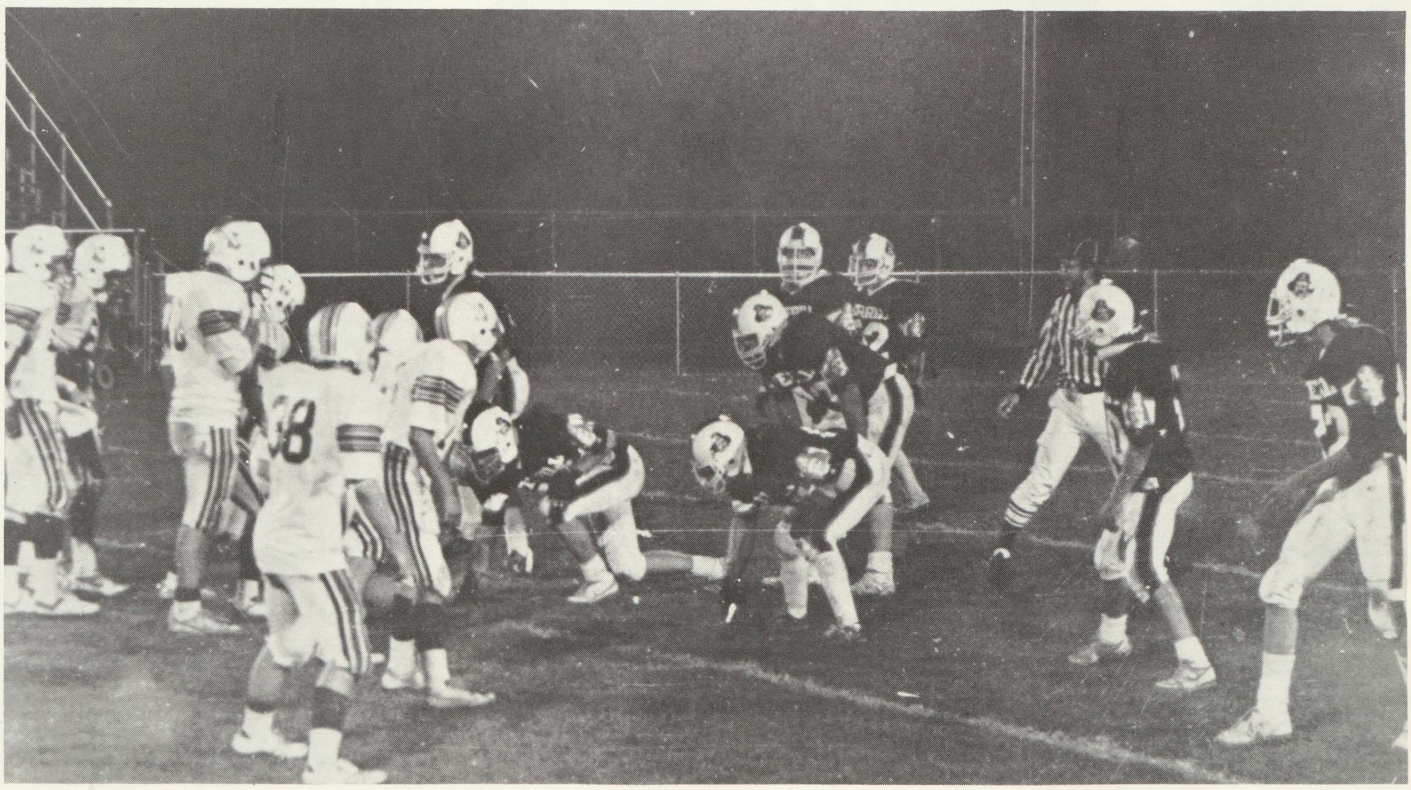

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"Way To Be J.V."

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Putting forth a cohesive effort, Coach Secord, (Uncle Zek") and his team performed excellently. Despite the loss of three outstanding sophomores to Varsity, the J.V. team finished with a 7-2 record.

1. Chris Thom, Kari Siler and Julie Kennedy express their approval of their teams performance.

2. Darcy Teal applauds another J.V. touchdown.

3. Off the ball quickly, the offensive line begins clearing a hole for quarterback Bill DeBeau.

4. Andy Fortin's "fan club" included Marlene Miller and Angie Guzinski.

5. Rodney Wagoner races to glory.

6. Joddie Siler helps keep the crowd involved.

7. Tom Duensing blasts through a crack in the defense.

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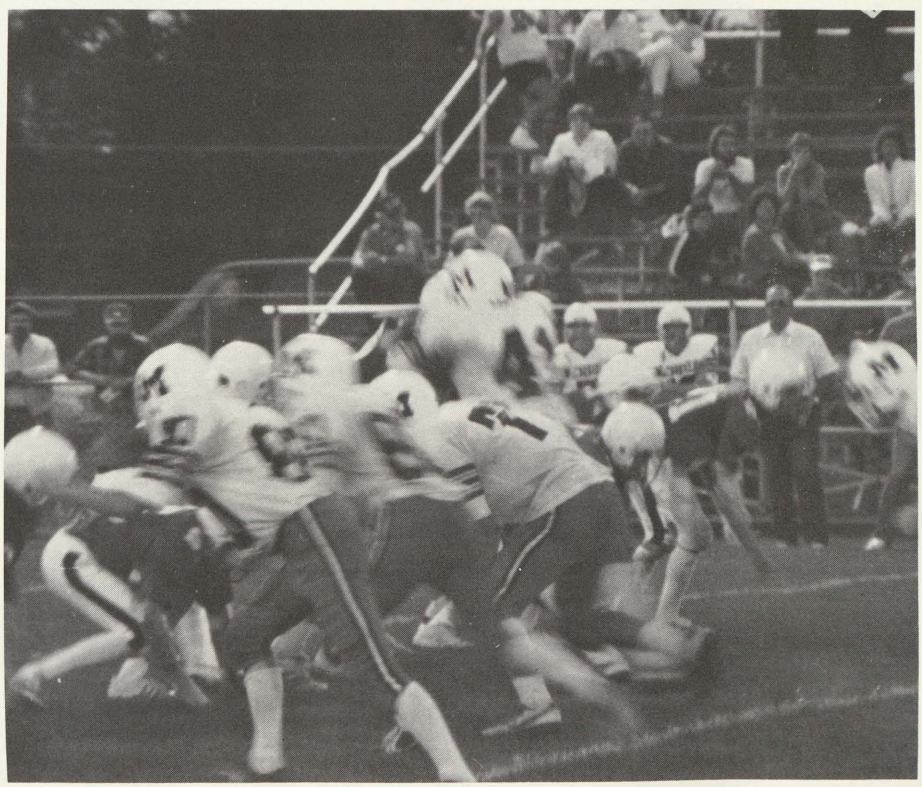

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Style, Spirit... Spectacular

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Patience and perfection were key words to the outstanding pom-pom performances. Their new uniforms kicked in to accentuate their routines while their enthusiasm sparked special events such as their Christmas Reindeer routine, and final 50's performance.

Tuning up the school year, band added sparkle and pizzaz. With triumph and glory they marched in the Saginaw Pride Parade led with style by drum major *Jim Anderson* and junior drum major *Glen Pettigrove.* The pep band not only struck up the students spirits at football and basketball games, but also brightened a day at the nursing homes where they performed.

Waving their school spirit, the Flag Corps marched proudly into our admiration. The advisors, *Sue Wenzel and Carol Allore*, pulled the group together considerably. Members included: *Michelle Bedtelyon, Melissa Bott, Michele Heinlein, Tammy Heinlein, Cassandra Kaufman, Melissa Siler.*

1. Merrill's excellent pom pom squad entertained many halftime crowds.
2. At the Christmas concert, the band's hard work paid off.
3. *Regina Windomm* shows her enthusiasm with her shining smile.
4. The marching Merrill Vandals take the field.
5. *Pam Monk* has her own style of playing the drums.

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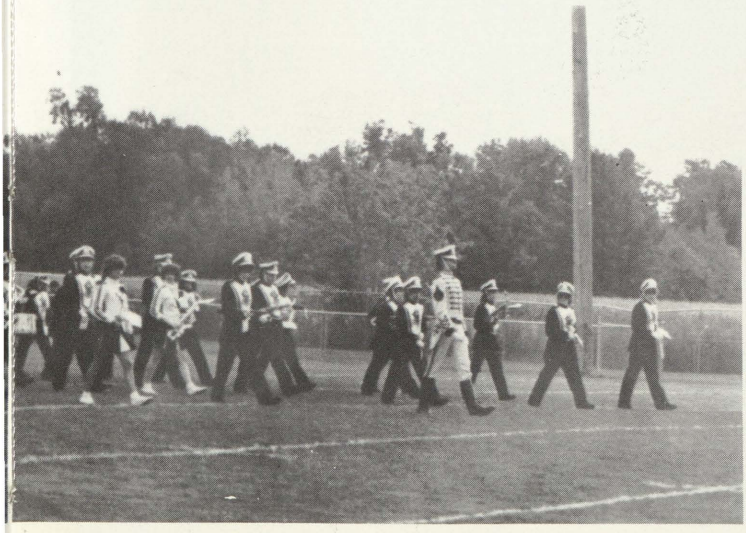

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Highlighting Homecoming

While thoughts of Homecoming filled students with anticipation, by evenings end, their expectations were dampened. The parade lifted hopes of Victory, but the spiritless clouds forecasted coming events. The Student Council fabricated their theme "Fantasy." The Freshmen, with their crystal ball, took 4th. The Sophomores unicorn won 3rd. Progressively, the junior's mighty Vandal Kingdom earned 2nd. Reveling in glory, the Seniors claimed 1st with their gallant green dragon. After the rain-soaked parade, football fans' hopes of victory were similarly dampened by St. Louis.

"S-C-O-R-E come on try to score with me," frigidly chanted the offbeat cheerleaders dressed in their thermal attire as Merrill's roughest and toughest women set out to take part in the Annual Powder Puff Playoff. Scoring was exactly what the junior-senior squad had in mind as they devestated the Senior-Freshmen team, 36-6.

1. *Jeanette Smith and John Searles* play in the rain.
2. Tears stream down *Queen Tammie Lackers* face as former *Queen Sherri Francetic* crowns her.
3. Power puffers run a complicated play.
4. *Queen Tammie* cradles her coronation bouquet.
5. "Why did everyone else goof up?"

6-8-9. Homecoming floats liven the parade: The sophomore's unicorn, the senior's dragon, and the junior's castle.

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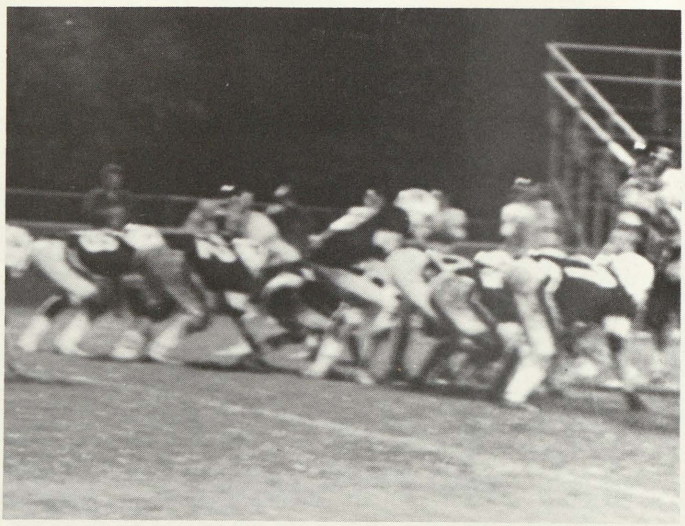

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Royalty Reigns

Surrounding the dancers, the midnight blue stars created an illusive atmosphere, where peach and powder blue abounded. Gaiety filled the homecoming gala as everyone assembled for the festivities Saturday evening. Dancers continued "Dancing in the Dark" to the chosen theme "Forever," until the midnight hour struck. Unable to attend his glorious moment, (due to his persistent dedication to the football team), *Dennis Kollhoff* made his first appearance as the 1985-86 Homecoming King at the ceremony Saturday evening. *Queen Tammie Lacker* escorted by *King Dennis* stood proudly in the midst of the Royal Homecoming Court. All eyes were upon them as they were crowned in glory. Memories of the glorious occasion will remain "Forever" in our mind.

1. The royal court reigns elegantly.
2. *King Dennis Kollhoff and Queen Tammie Lacker* embrace at their coronation dance.
3. Waiting anxiously for their moment of glory, *Jodi Kipfmiller, Amy Vican, and Stacey Siler* smile in anticipation.
4. Having the best of time, dancers took advantage of the slow melody.
5. *Jill Elson* flashes her regal leg.

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Swishing Through Another Year

Girls Varsity Basketball experienced a rebuilding year. Although occasionally grabbing a win, the taste of victory did not linger long. *Debbie Micheal* coached her last season with the Vandals, but in doing so, reconstructed the girls basketball spirit. Bounding into high respect, *Jill Elson* made All Conference, and *Pam Koviack* earned Honorable Mention. By season's end the girls chalked up six wins against 14 losses.

1. Block that shot *Trisha Foy*!

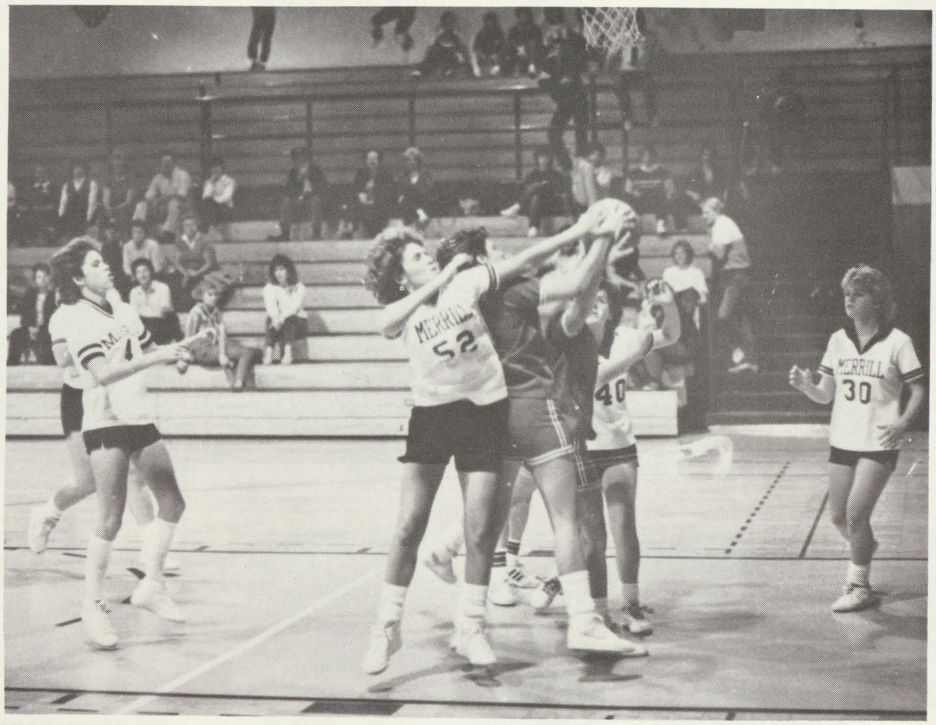
2. 85-86 J.V. Girls Basketball Team: (L to R) Bottom: *Cindy Kostal, Jeannine Moulton (Manager), Trisha Foy.* Middle: *Cheryl Hockemeyer, Heather Draves, Jorri Anderson, Ranee Miller, Cindy Kennedy.* Top: *Maureen Miller, Michelle Miller, Jennifer White, Michele Fleming, Leesa Locke. Missing: Lydia Duensing.*

3. 85-86 Varsity Girls Basketball Team: (L to R) Bottom: *Jill Elson, Lori Draves, Deanna DuRussell, Janet Minnick.* Top: *Becky Ellsworth, Jeannie Osbourne, Pam Koviack, Amy Locke, Jill Bigelow.*

4. *Michele Fleming* waits attentively.

5. That's what we like!

6. Charge-up J.V.!



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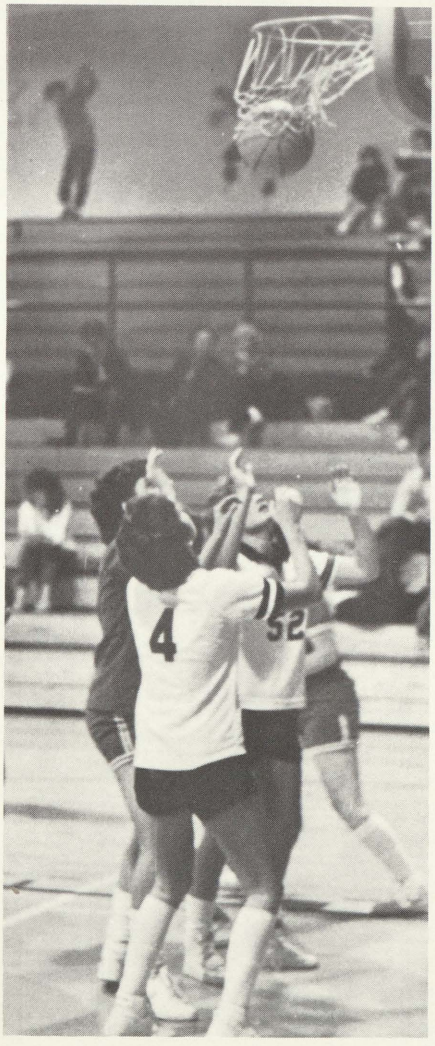

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Teeing Up To Set The Pace

The 1985-86 Golf team was packed with determination and loaded with ambition. In achieving their first victory, they showed consistant effort and a lot of hard work.

Setting their speed in high gear, Cross Country team paced the miles enduringly. Stamina helped the runners tough-it-out to conference competition. *Dennis Hogan* placed 14th, *Gwen Good*, 7th, and *Jodie Boyd,* 13th - all earning Honorable Mention at the conference meet.

1. Ready to race, *Dennis Hogan* and *Greg Good* set their sights.

2. 1985-86 Merrill Golf Team (Top L-R) *David Wenzel, Mark Searles, Joel Mikusko, Jerry Chefalo, John Searles.* (Bottom L-R) *Greg Kolhoff, Lyle Tolfree, Matt Mikusko, Mike Kackmeister, Scott DuRussell.*

3. 1985-86 Merrill Cross-Country Team (Top L to R) *Krista Aulbert, Gwen Good, Jodie Boyd,* (Bottom L to R) *Greg Good, Dennis Hogan, Dan Perce, Paul Hogan.*

4. Concentrating, *Scott DuRussell* gives it his all.

5. *Greg Good* races enduringly for the finish.

6. *Joel Mikusko* makes another good approach shot from the edge of the fairway.

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1985 Cross Country

Record: 2-5 (Boys)
1-4 (Girls)

Boys			Girls	
We	***They***		We	They
We	They			
42	17	Shepherd	50	15
27	28	Seminary	Win	Fft
21	34	Ithaca	0	0
38	23	Freeland		
45	17	Breckenridge	50	15
46	17	St. Louis	46	15
6th		League Meet		
6th		League Stdgs	5th	

1985 Golf

Record: 1-11

We	They	
218	151	St. Charles
191	160	Freeland
220	176	St. Louis
204	186	Ithaca
202	176	Shepherd
210	156	St. Charles
190	150	Freeland
194	200	Breckenridge
188	182	St. Louis
200	175	Shepherd
205	182	Ithaca

League Meet: 6th
League Standings: 6th

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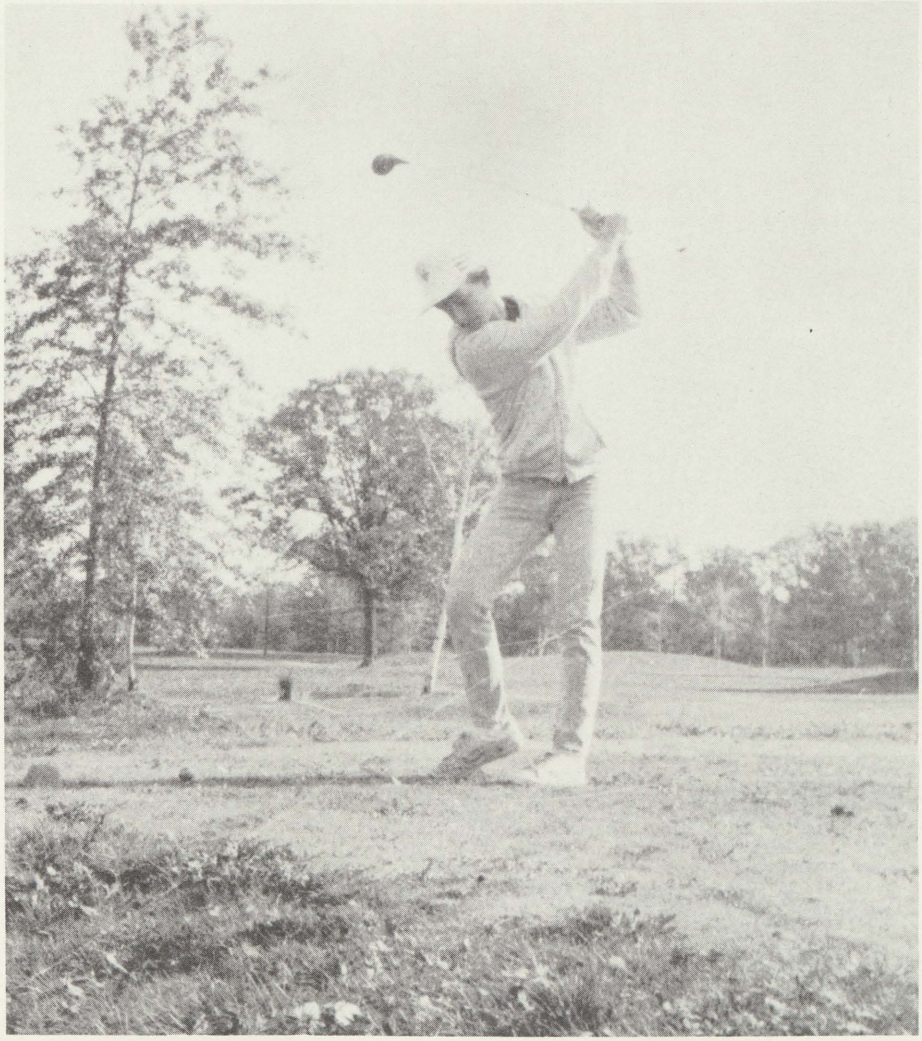

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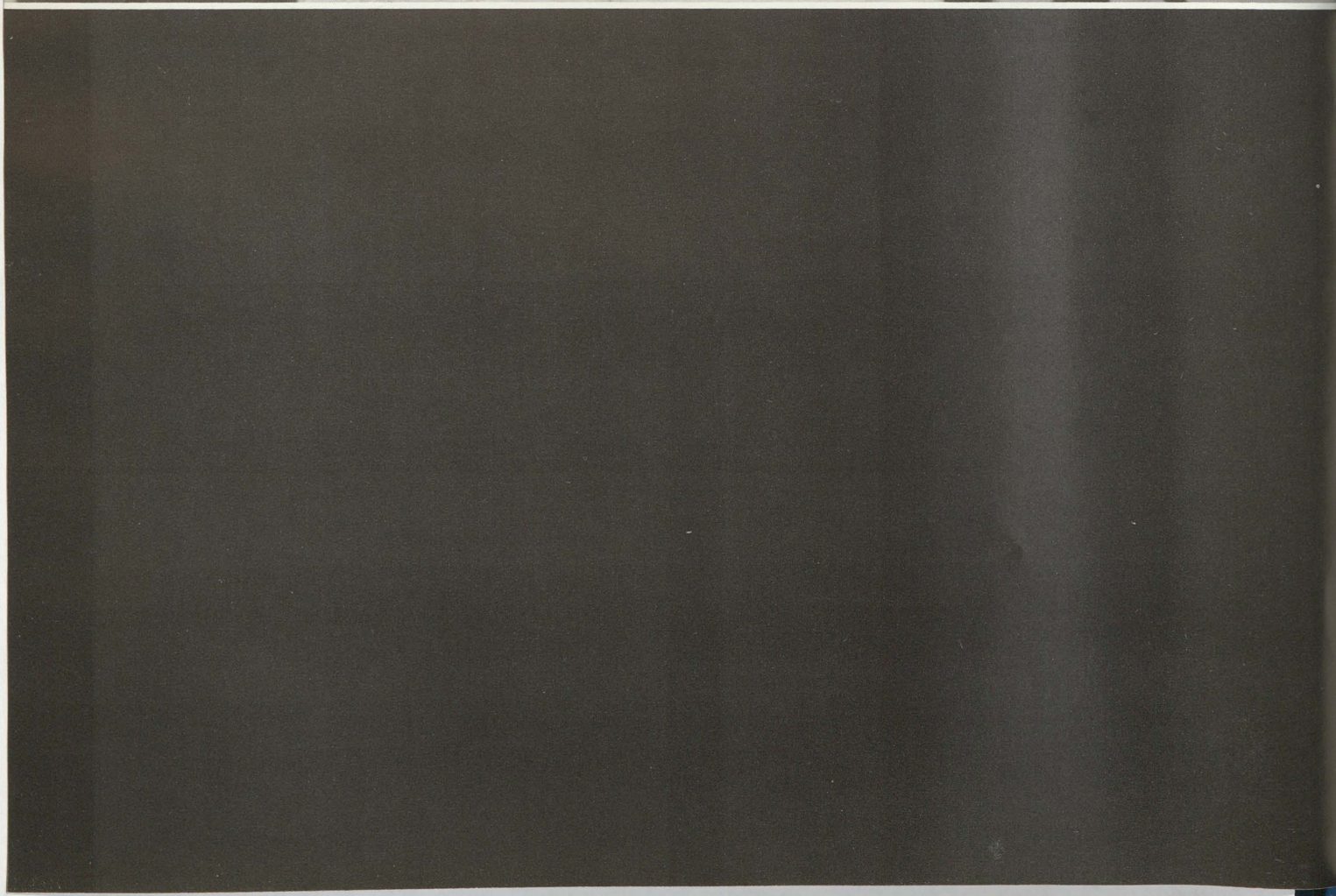

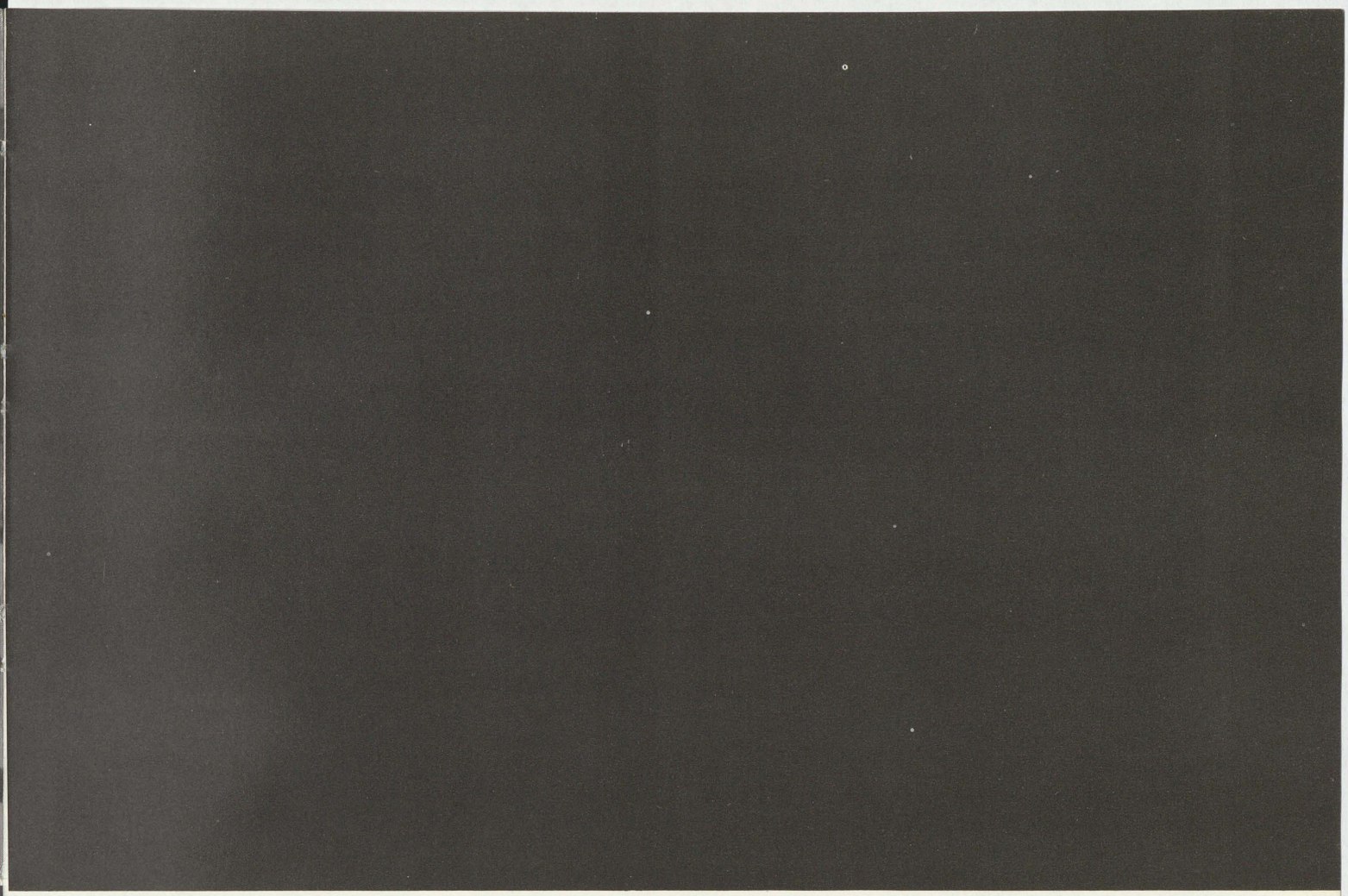

Winter

Basketball...
Striving for Glory!

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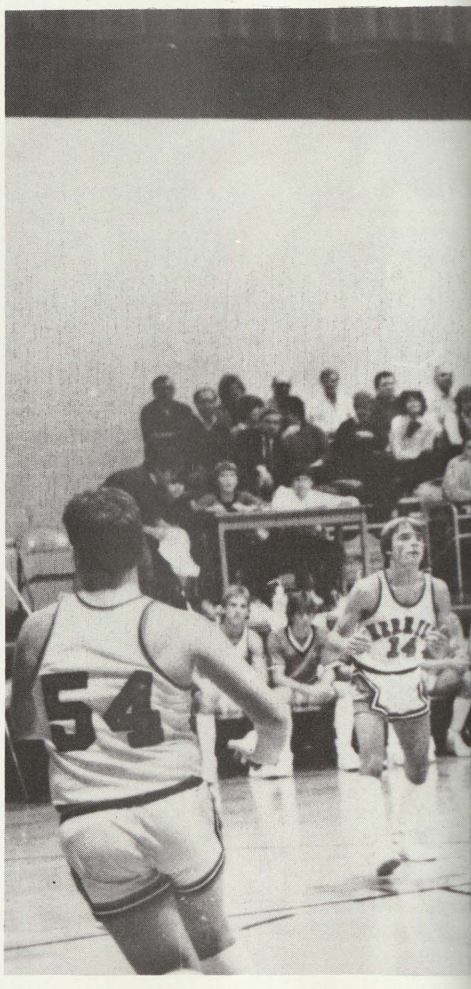

The Varsity Vandals set off to a triumphant start. Bringing the boys together, *Jim Krach*-- in his first year of coaching at Merrill--attempted to develop the needed enthusiasm required for Victory. Consequently, their efforts were rewarded.

The Varsity Vandals started off on the right foot, playing good offense and good aggressive defense under new coach *Jim Krach.* However, as the year wore on, some good luck wore off and the boys ended up the season frustrated but still playing hard.

1. Our team cooperates competively.
2. *Denny Kalahar* reaches high for success.
3. Varsity's defense springs into action!
4. *Jeff Buckley* calls "time-out" to conspire with the Varsity Vandals.
5. 85-86 Varsity Boys Basketball (T L-R) *Coach Krach, Dennis Kalahar, Jeff Buckly, Greg Garno, Matthew Mikusko, (B L-R) Brian Fleming, Tim Guzinski, Brian Briggs, Tim Naessens.*
6. 85-86 Junior Varsity Basketball (T L-R), *Coach David Secord, Joel Mikusko, Cris Purcell, Scott DuRussell, Scott Brokaw, Scott Fleming, Ben Coppens, Scott Clark, Tom Duensing, Bill DeBeau.*

1985-86 Varsity Basketball
Season Record: 7-14

	Merrill	Opponent
BULLOCK CREEK	75	74
ST. CHARLES	54	70
FREELAND	52	69
REESE	54	58
VALLEY LUTHERAN	42	80
ST. LOUIS	54	61
ITHACA	55	48
BULLOCK CREEK	62	65
SHEPHERD	58	64
ASHLEY	64	57
BRECKENRIDGE	60	61
ST. CHARLES	61	52
FREELAND	62	84
REESE	75	83
MI SEMINARY	80	73
ST. LOUIS	63	74
ITHACA	79	75
SHEPHERD	73	85
BRECKENRIDGE	63	70
MI SEMINARY	60	56
ITHACA *(district tournament)*	63	68

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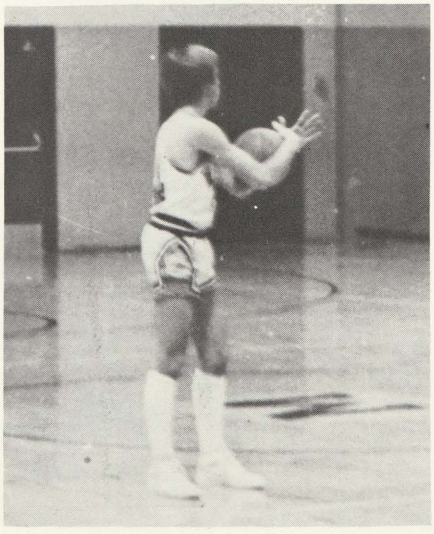

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Quickness Converts to Victory

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Volleyball...a game of reacting...where quickness counts and poise proves important...Where momentum is so very crucial...Where each win is ectasy and every loss is heart-wrenching. Merrill's volleyball teams blended all of these descriptions into a very exciting season.

1. The big jV (upper left-down lower right) *Julie Lauckner, Trisha Foy, Lisa Siler, Tracy Petricevic, Melissa Carr, Kelly Siler Hannah Hensel, Amy Hodges, Chris Nieman, Leslie Hale, Michelle Lednicky, Heather Draves.*

2. Euphoria! What a feeling!

3. *Jill Elson* spikes again!

4. *Deanna DuRussell* in top form!

5. Setting up the play is *Jodi Kipfmiller.*

6. M.H.S. Varsity Volleyball-(Top row) *Deanna DuRussell, Lori Draves, Pam Koviack, Coach DeLynn Wenzel, Jodi Boyd, Jodi Kipfmiller, Kari Siler, (Middle row) Rachel Michael, Chris Mayan, Jill Elson, Lisa Hale, Ann Keel, (Bottom row) Wendy Athey, Jodi Dougherty.*

1986 Varsity Volleyball

We	They	
1	3	St. Charles
2	0	Alma
0	3	St. Charles
3	0	Ithaca
1	3	Freeland
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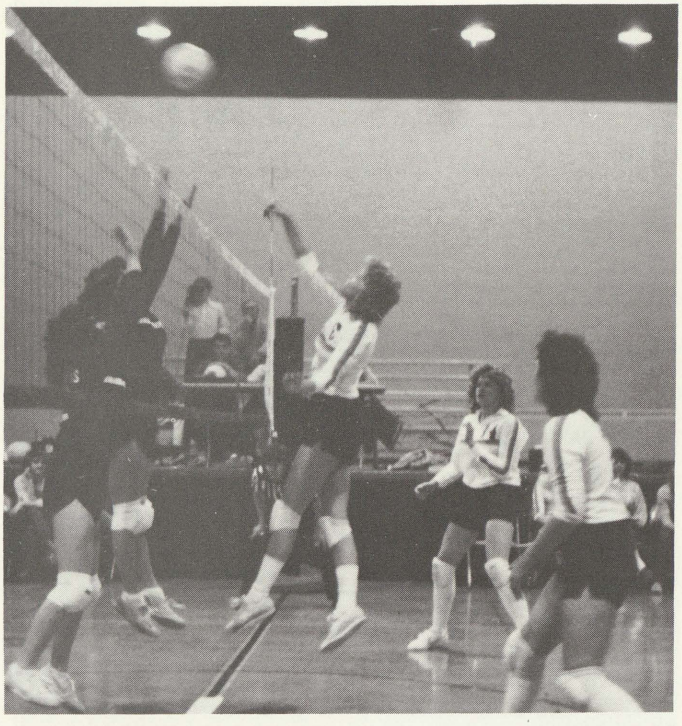
3	0	Breckenridge
0	3	St. Louis



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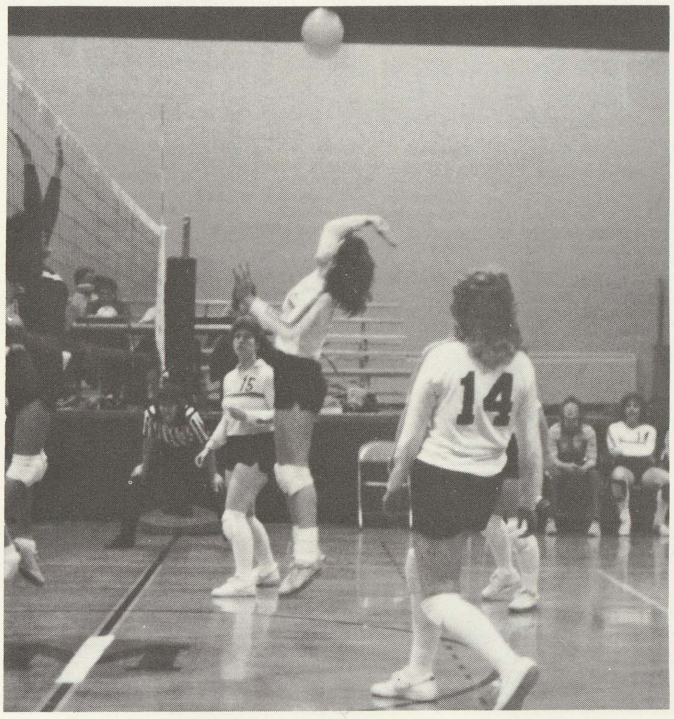

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February's Sweetest Tradition

February's favorite occasion hosted by FHA and FFA is the traditional Sweetheart Ball. This year's Sweetheart Representatives chosen by the student body were once again superb selection.

1. Freshmen Sweetheart Reps. 1986-- *Mark Searles* and *Michele Fleming.*

2. *April Strobel* presents the Sweetheart roses to the 1986 Sweethearts.

3. 1986 Senior Sweetheart couple *John Osbourne* and *Jodi Kipfmiller.*

4. Senior Sweetheart Reps 1986-- *Wendy Athey* and *John Searles.*

5. Sophomore Sweetheart Reps 1986-- *Bill DeBeau* and *Jorri Anderson.*

6. *John Osbourne* and *Jodi Kipfmiller* cut the traditional Sweetheart cake.

7. Junior Sweetheart Reps 1986-- *Jodie Boyd* and *Mark Montgomery.*

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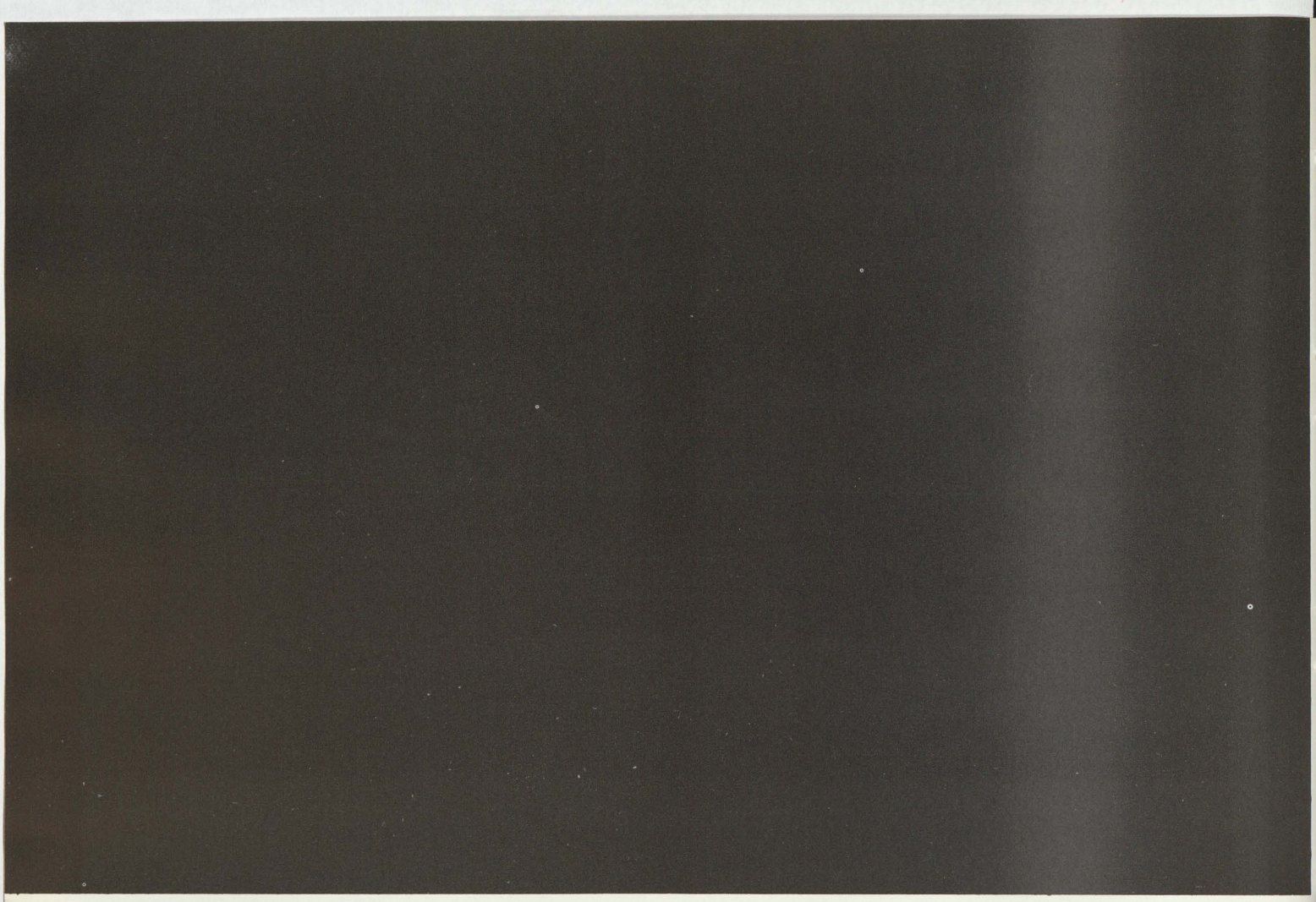
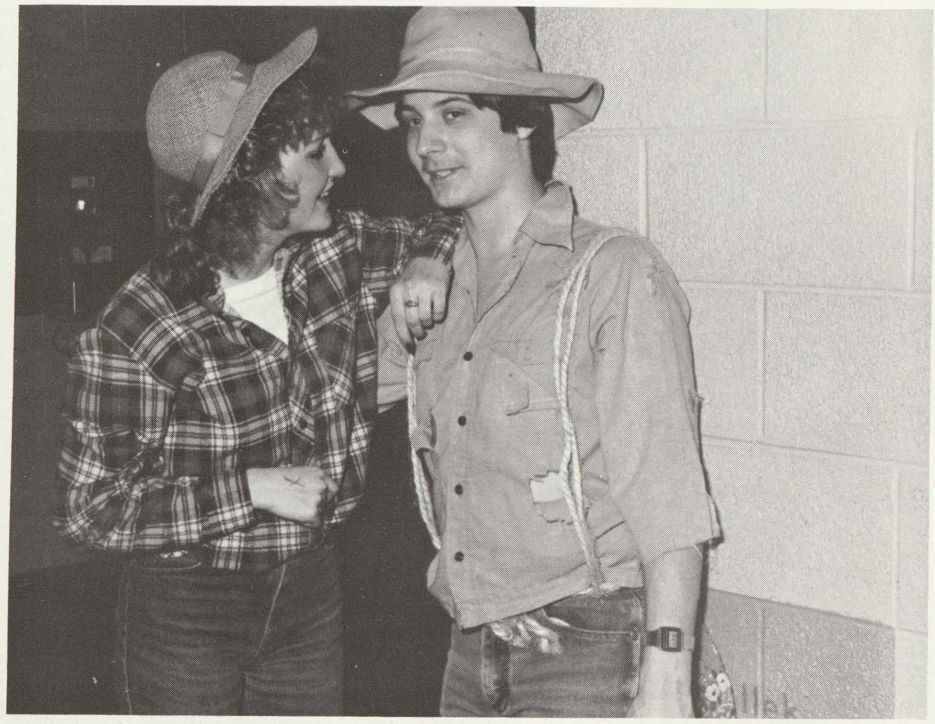


Spring

Yeee-hahin' for Sadie Hawkins

At the onset of Sadie's week, the Vandalites expressed their spirit in black and orange. A trip to the good old 50's and 60's bee-bopped us through Tuesday. In fact, spirit soared throughout the week as all looked forward to the Friday night round-up. The halls at Merrill High dazzled on Wednesday's dress-up day as everyone wore their best attire. Thursday continued the week as exotic tropical beachcombers roamed the campus. As everyone assembled their Sadie "garb", excitement peaked until "Friday's Fog" settled gloom and despair among the "Merrill Hillbillies". The thick fog closed school and the Sadies assembly was cancelled. However, on Friday evening ecstatic bumpkins congregated to save the Sadie Spirit!



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1. *Stacey Siler* and *Bill Waterman* share a Sadie secret.

2. *Lyle Tolfree* tells a tale as old as the hills to his girlfriend *Tina Rivard.*

3. Hee-Hawin' along are *Jennifer White* and *Maureen Michael.*

4-9. The Merrill High hillbillies "square" dance at the annual Sadie's Hoedown.

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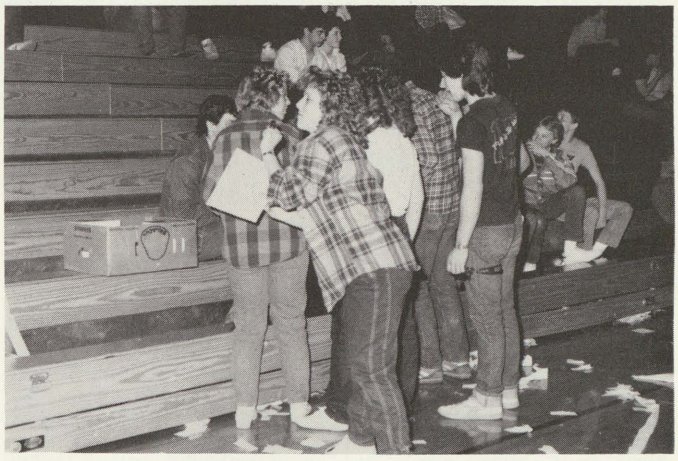

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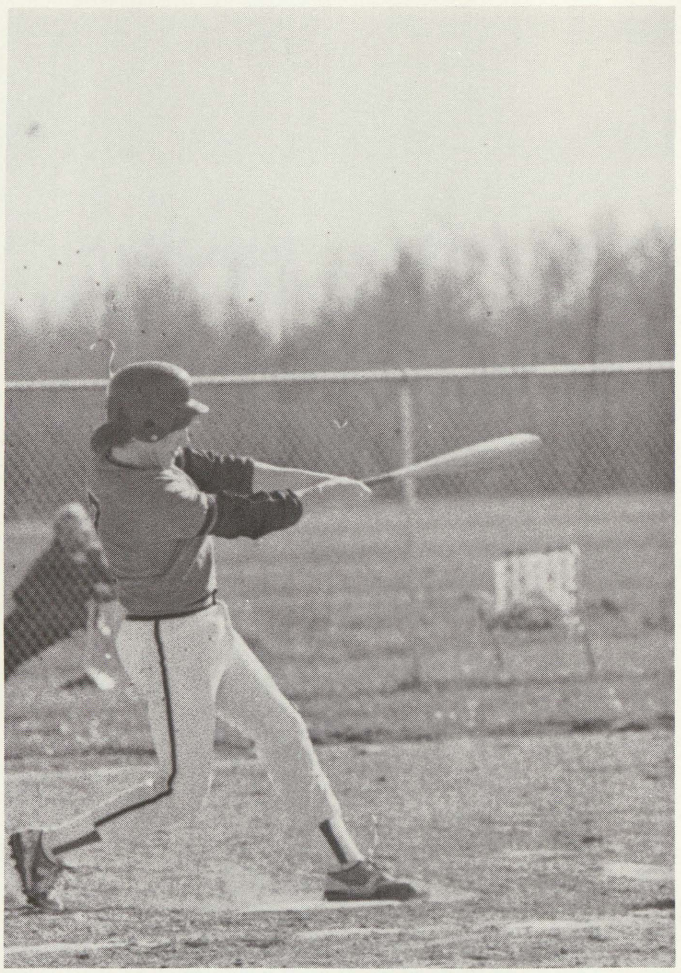
Baseball Leads Off The Spring Season

Springtime brings new excitement and melts away winter boredom. Leading off the springtime activities, baseball sprinted into position. Pulling the team together, Coach **Pat Briggs** stressed a cooperative effort in order to win. With these factors, their stick-to-itiveness, and persistence, the baseball team finished with a moderately fine record.



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1. *Mike Petricevic* executes his home-run swing.

2. *Arthur Piwowarski* snaps off a wicked curve.

3 Merrill Junior Varsity Baseball 1986-- (T row, L to R) *Ed Rowley, Dan Stewart, Jeff Buckley, Joel Mikusko, Bill DeBeau, Greg Miller, Scott Brokaw, Dave Secord (Coach), Jeff Barber, Jeff Clark, Mike Barber, Scott Fleming, Kenny Felker, Tom Deunsing.*

4. Varsity Baseball- 1986
(Top Row L-R) *Dave DeBeau* (assistant coach), *Dennis Kollhoff, Matthew Mikusko, Tod Weigold, Lyle Tolfree, Tony Stewart, David Miller, Mike Petricevic, Greg Garno, Pat Briggs* (coach). (Bottom Row L-R) *Brian Fleming, Terry Koviack, Arthur Piwowarski, Brian Briggs, Tim Naessens, Darrell Hartung, Mark Montgomery, Kirt Shields, Chris Dominowski.*

1986 Merrill
Varsity Baseball

Opponent	We	They
Hemlock	5	2
Hemlock	0	8
Valley Lutheran	4	3
Swan Valley	6	7
Swan Valley	1	2
Freeland	5	8
Freeland	10	5
St. Charles	4	3
St. Charles	6	7
Seminary	9	4
Seminary	3	5
St. Louis	7	13
St. Louis	6	1
Ithaca	0	2
Ithaca	2	5
B.C. All Saints	8	1
B.C. All Saints	12	5
Shepherd	1	7
Shepherd	1	8
Breckenridge	2	1
Breckenridge	0	6
Ithaca *(district tournament)*	0	5

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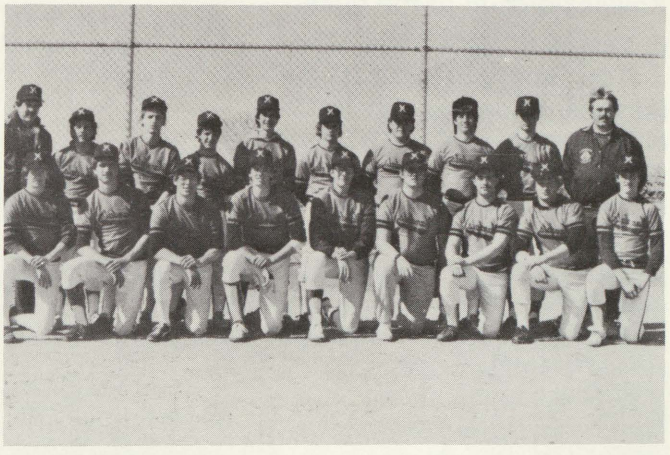

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Hard Work Brings Successful Season

The Merrill Softball team made every play seem effortless, but on the contrary they were achieved only by determination. Coach *Kim McCormick* emphasized hard work and cooperation to perfect the girls' skill. After many long productive practices came the glory of victory. The Varsity Girls wound up the season winning the district "gold" and qualifying for the regional tournament.

1. *Lisa Foy* prepares for the relay from *Pam Koviack* as *Becky Ellsworth* coaches.
2. Flashing her Famous Figure Eight windup, *Leesa Locke* shoots another strike.
3. *Jeannine Moulton* beats the throw to second.
4. *Ranee Miller* cuts the runner stealing second.
5. Sensing a line drive, *Pam Koviack* digs in at the plate.
6. Varsity Softball-1986

(Top Row L-R) *Barb Daniels* (assistant coach), *Kim McCormick (coach), Becky Ellsworth, Cindy Kennedy, Kelly Siler, Ranee Miller, Leesa Locke, Jill Bigelow, Michelle Kennedy.* (Bottom Row L-R) *Julie Kennedy, Pam Koviack, Deanna DuRussell, Lisa Foy, Karla Radosa, Cathy Kilgore.*

7 (T row L to R) *David Kennedy* (assistant coach), *Laurie Wenzel, Regina Windom, Karin Lacker, Cindy Kostal, Michele Fleming, Lisa Siler, Amy Alvis, Angie Guzinski, Trisha Foy, Leo Fleming* (coach).

(B row L to R) *Traci Petricevic, Jennifer White, Jeannine Moulton, Jorri Anderson, Julie Lauckner, Hannah Hensel, Joddi Siler, Michelle Miller.*

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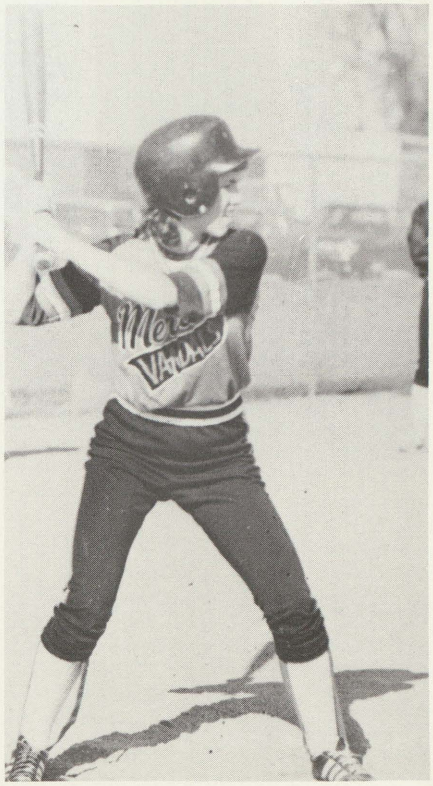

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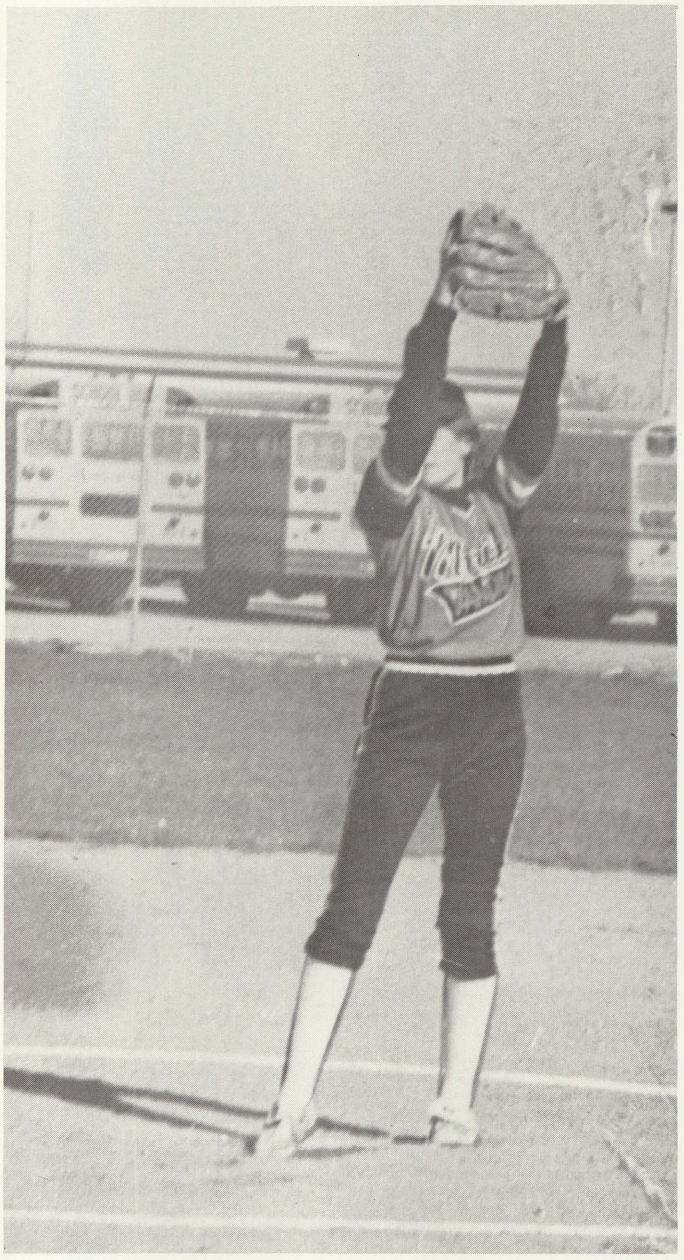

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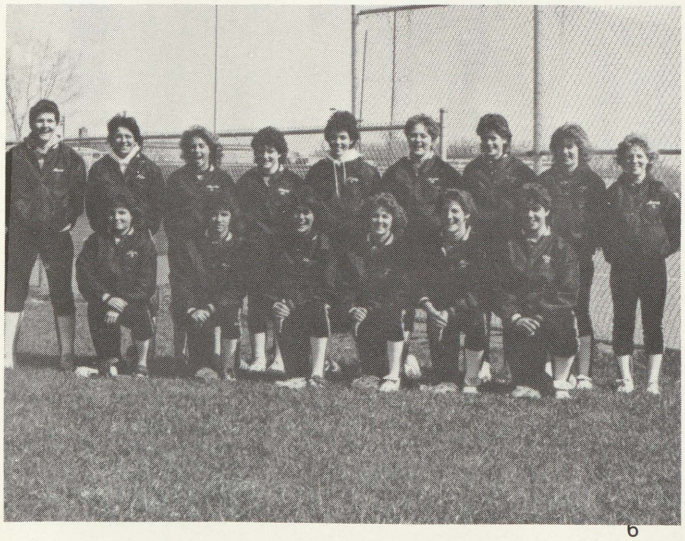
1986 Merrill Varsity Softball

Opponent	We	Opp
Freeland	15	4
St. Charles	1	3
Seminary	8	12
Seminary	11	7
St. Louis	12	11
St. Louis	8	9
Ithaca	16	5
Ithaca	22	4
Freeland	6	5
Shephard	7	4
Shephard	8	4
St. Charles	0	10
Breckenridge	1	5
Breckenridge	0	4
Bay City Tourney		
Montrose	1	6
Saginaw High	14	4
Hemlock	7	11
Hemlock Tourney		
Bay City	3	8
Clio	11	5
Mt. Pleasant	3	7
Pre-District		
Edmore	3	2
District		
Breckenridge	**8**	**4**
Shepherd	**7**	**2**
Regionals		
Elk Rapids	1	2
Non-Conference		
Valley Lutheran	6	14
Hemlock	10	11



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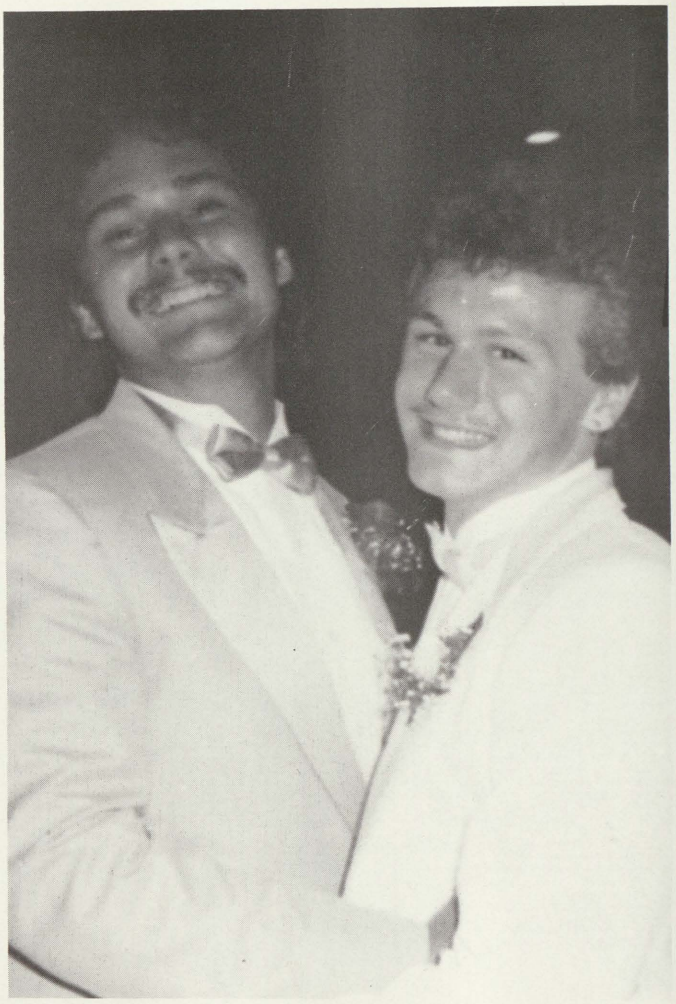
Hawaiian Luau Creates a Prom to Remember...

Dreaming up "A Night to Remember," the Junior and Senior class officers endeavored to make it come true on prom night. Although the rain tried to put a damper on our fun, the umbrella of enthusiasm that covered all helped to make the evening a success. Palm trees and giant lilies formed a tropical mood for a prom luau on our little hawaiian island.

1. Disregarding the formality of the occasion, *Rod Koch* and *David Allen* set out to have fun.
2. Reminiscing the night before, *Dennis Kollhoff* and *Rachel Michael* help clean-up.
3. Spinning and twirling, *Tod Weigold* and *Cindy Kennedy* dance through the night.
4. *John Searles* and *Jean Osbourne* create memories for a "Night to Remember."
5. *Arthur Piwowarski* demonstrates his native Hawaiian dance.
6. *Becky Byron, Grace Marshall, Kathy Kroll, Juanita Lauer* and *Marvin Potvin* are entangled in the fervor of the tropical atmosphere.
7. Displaying the utmost elegance *Lori Draves* and *Ann Searles* radiate the ecstasy of the evening.



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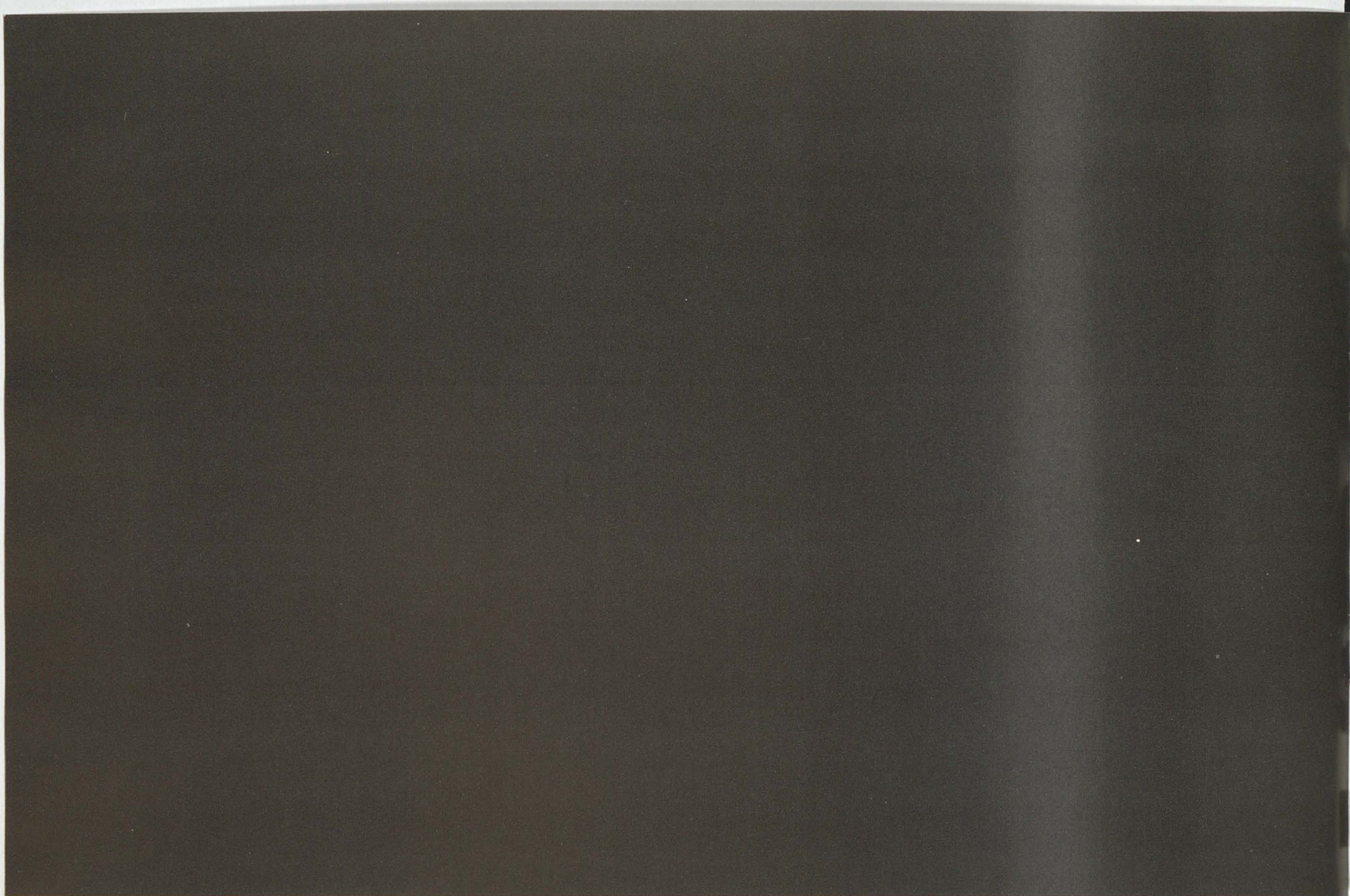

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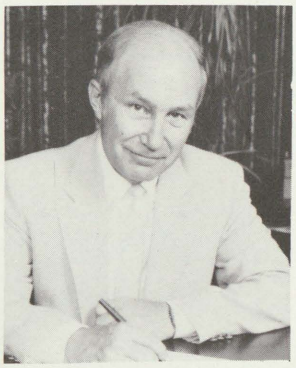

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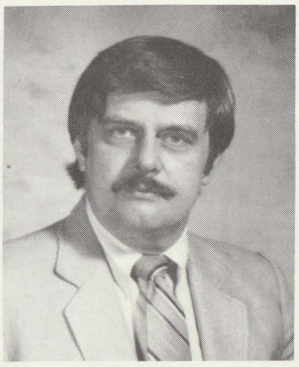

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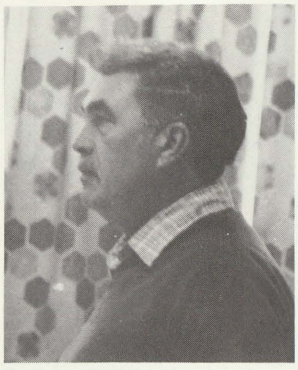

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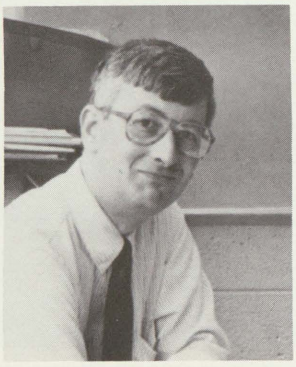

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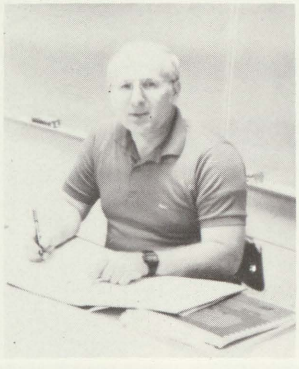

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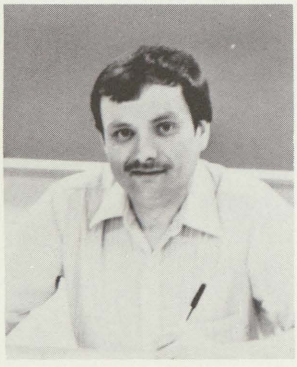

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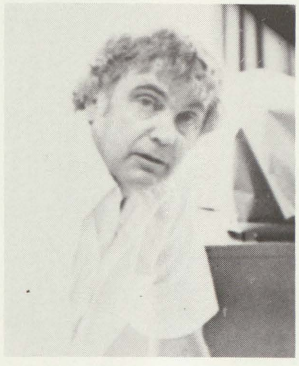

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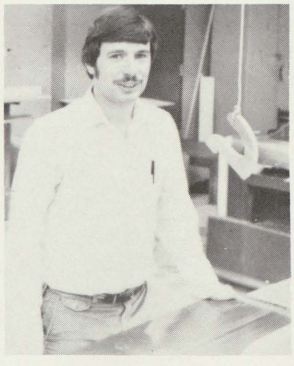

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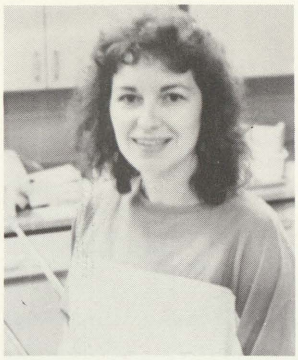

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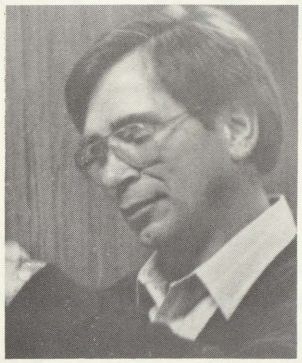

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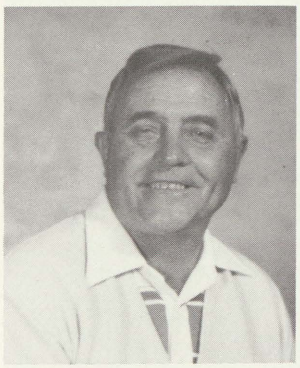

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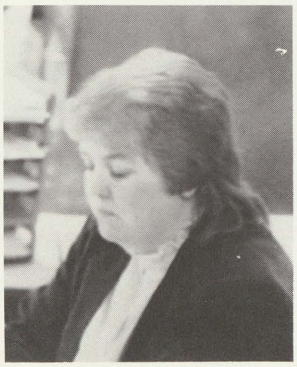

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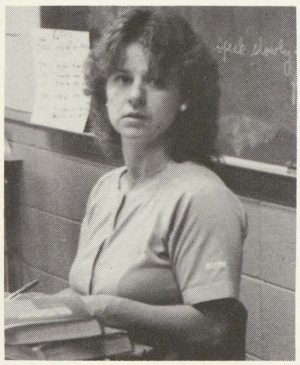

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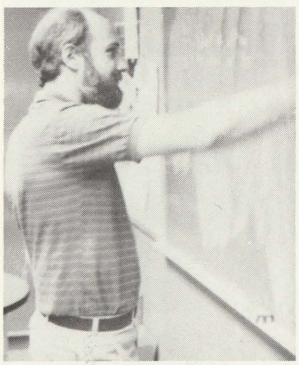

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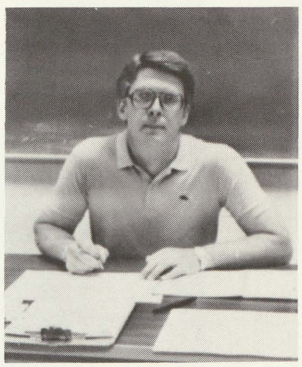

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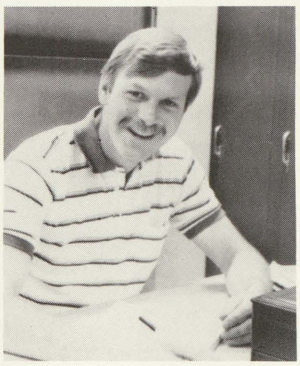

Mr. Ron Suderman

Mrs. Donna Meyer

Mrs. Evelyn Coleman

Cooks

A Tribute To Our

Mrs. Wilk and and Mr. D'Angelo finished their term of teaching at Merrill High with the close of the 1986 school year. Mrs. Wilk spiced up 31½ years teaching home-economics. Tuning up the Marching Vandals, high school band, middle school band and long ago jazz band, Mr. D'Angelo put music in our hearts for 14 years, teaching for a total of 35 years. Mrs. Wilk and Mr. D'Angelo will be fondly remembered for their personal addition to our education.

FHA-FFA Contribute Leaders

Two of the most dynamic organizatins in our school have the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America.Both have contributed qualities such as leadership and determination as well as the practical skills in Agri-business and social work. Both organizations are to be applauded for their contributions.

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1. 1985-86 Future Farmers of America: (Top row L to R) *Kirk Dubois, Suzy Snyder, Jeff Buckley, Bill DeBeau, Scott DuRussel,Tom Duensing, Jerry Keel, John Wagner, Steve Eastman,* (2nd Row, L to R) *Scott Rinz, Tim Doyle, Harry Gath, Eric Willman, Randy Kroll, Jeff Smith, Penny Dittenber* (3rd Row L to R) *John Searles, Michelle Horney, Lisa Siler, Melissa Carr, JoAnne Ford, Deanna DuRussel, Carla Radosa, Cathy Kilgore* (4th Row L to R) *Julie Kennedy, Lisa Foy, Glen Pettigrove, Ken Coppens, Mark Searles, Ann Searles, Karin Lacker, Kelly Siler*(5th Row L to R) *Gwen Good, Heather Vedrobe, Chris Nieman, Jacki Wuolukka, Stan Stroiwas, Kurt Munger* (6th Row, L to R) *Carrie Duensing, Sara Ballien, Darla Cepak, Denis Sierakowski, Angie Guzinski, Amy Carlson, Sherri Lamb, Dennis Hicks* (7th Row L to R) *Marlene Miller, Stephanie Siler, Mr. Barnes (Advisor) Ben Coppens, Greg Kollhoff,* (Bottom Row L to R) *Andy Fortin (Sentinal), Ann Coppens (Vice President) Shawn Penny (President), Denis Novak (Secretary), John Osborne (Parlimentarian) and Jodie Boyd (Treasurer).*

2. Denise Novak displays her hard earned awards.

3. Reflecting on a light moment at the banquet, John Osbourne clutches his award.

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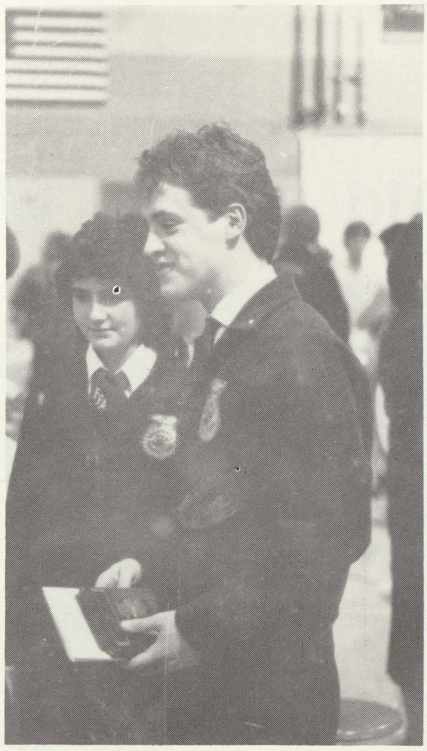

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4. 1985-86 Future Homemakers of America: (Top Row L to R) *Carrie Breedlove, Heather Hyatt, Heather Draves, Trisha Foy, Julie Lauckner, Pam Krasinski, Brenda Hollingsworth, Pam Nieman, Heidi Wale* (2nd Row R to L) *Donny Thom, Dan Pesce, Becky Ellsworth, Ranee Miller, Jorri Anderson, Cindy Kostal, Brian Briggs, David Wright, Patti Morden, Ann Wallis* (3rd Row R to L) *Greg Kollhoff, John Searles, John Osbourne, Mark Montgomery, Kirt Shields, Chris Dominowski, Michelle Miller, Leslie Hale, Michelle Lednicky, Sherri Lamb* (4th Row L to R) *Dennis Kollhoff, Mark Searles, Joel Mikusko, Matt Mikusko, Jeff Purcell, Mike Kackmeister, Dana Stewart, JoAnne Ford, Gwen Good* (5th Row L to R) *Mike Petricevic, Julie Kennedy, Lisa Foy, Lisa Hale, Kari Siler, Amy Hodges, Darcy Teal, Karen Clark, Michele Fleming, Maureen Michael* (6th Row L to R) *Mariah Hesse, Kathy Kroll, Regina Windom, Jeannine Maulton, Jennifer White, Cindy Jerry, Trisha Kopta, Chere Walker, Janet Minick, Dawn Wenzel, Heather Vedrobe,* (7th Row, L to R) *Leesa Locke, Marlene Miller, Angie Guzinski, Amy Carlson, Laurie Wenzel, Tammy Syrek, Melissa Carr, Lisa Siler, Melissa Siler, Amy Viola, Jenette Dietrich, Annette Guzinski,*(Bottom Row L to R) *Karen Honoman (Treasurer) April Strobel (President) Kelly Burgoyne (Recreation Leader) Mrs. Wilk (Advisor) Beth Corbat (Parlimentarian) Jodie Boyd (Reporter) Ann Coppens (Vice President) Kathy Burgoyne (Historian).*

5. New state FHA President *Melissa Carr* chats with her predecessor.

6. FFA officers greet their parents and guests at the annual banquet.

Organizations Aid Overall Efficiency

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Student Council, Class Officers and N.H.S., this year our school functioned efficiently. Though these organizations often went unnoticed and without proper recognition, they worked effectively to accomplish their goal of a smoothly running school year.

1. *Amy Locke* presents her ideas to the audience.

2. Freshmen Class Officers-(Top L-R) *Cindy Kennedy, Maureen Michael,* (Bottom L-R) *Jodie Siler, Amy Alvis.*

3. Sophomore Class Officers-(Top L-R) *Jenni Vican, Melissa Carr,* Bottom L-R) *Jorri Anderson, Michelle Horny.*

4. Junior Class Officers-(Top L-R) *Michelle Kennedy, Jill Bigelow,* (Bottom) *Rachel Michael, missing: Stacey Kocsis.*

5. National Honor Society-(Top Row L-R) *Mariah Hesse, Brandi Gutknecht, Karin Lacker, Julie Kennedy, Paul Arends, Don Sherman, Arthur Piwowarski, Lyle Tolfree, Tim Ribble, Karen Honaman, Dennis Hogan,* (2nd Row L-R) *Tammy Lacker, Lisa Foy, Stacey Siler, Rachel Michael, Juanita Laver, Connie Foye, April Strobel, Ann Searles, Ruth Little, Jeannette Dietrich, Eric Fleming, Pam Koviack, Julie Gillam, David O'Toole;* (Bottom Row L-R) *Mrs. Klemish, Amy Locke, John Searles, Jerri Francetic, Ms. Galbraith.*

6. Valedictorian, *Jerri Francetic* receives an award from Superintendent *Don Aulbert.*

7. Student Council 1985-86-(Top Row L-R) *Nikki* Santino, Jodi Kipfmiller, Shawn Penny, Tammy *Lacker,* (2nd Row L-R) *Wendy Athey, Ann Coppens, Rachel Michael, Lisa Foy;* 3rd Row L-R) *Lisa Siler, Stephanie Siler, Ranee Miller, Bill DeBeau;* (4th Row L-R) *Michelle Miller, Jennifer Whete, Cheryl Hockmeyer, Amy Alvis;* (Bottom Row L-R) *President, Stacey Siler; Vice-President, Jodie Boyd; Treasurer, Julie Kennedy; Secretary, Chris Thom; Parlimentarian, Kari Siler.*

8. Senior Class Officers- (Top) *Kelly Thom,* (Bottom L-R) *Jodi Kipfmiller, Nikki Santino,* missing: *Kelly Meyer.*

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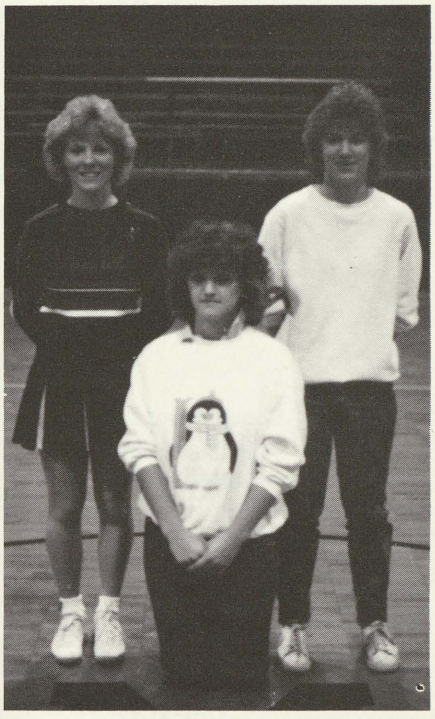

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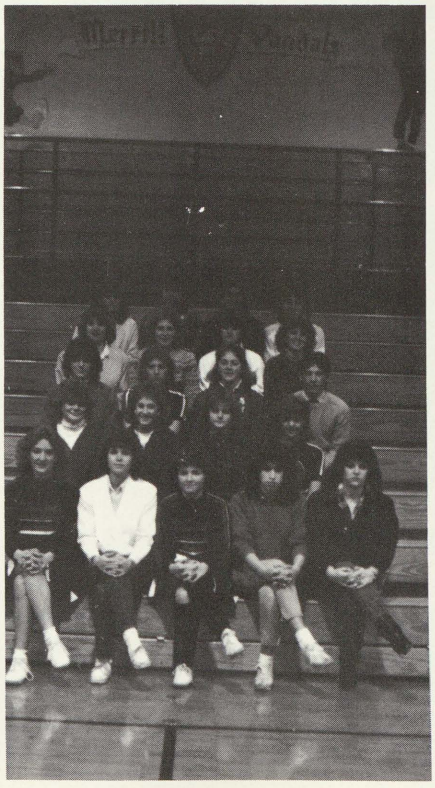

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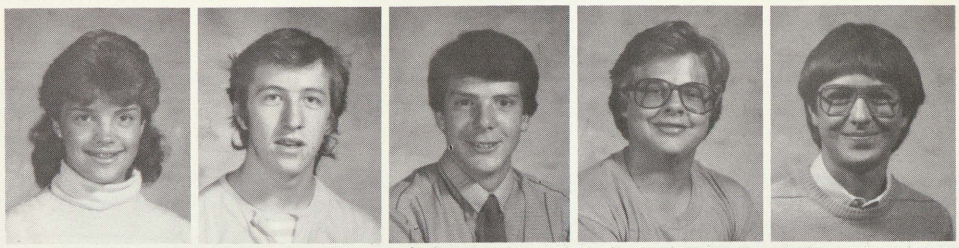

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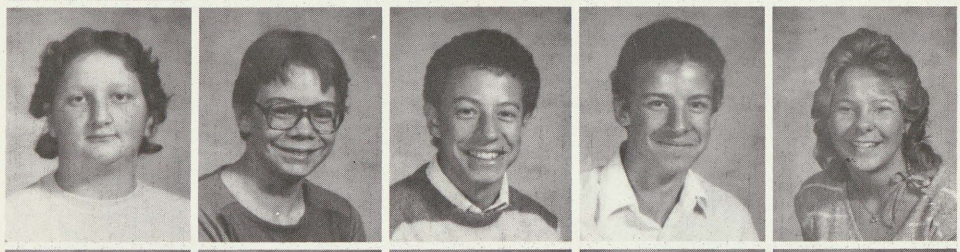

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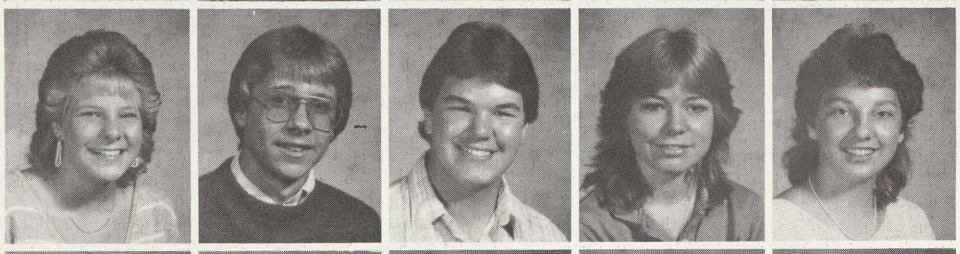

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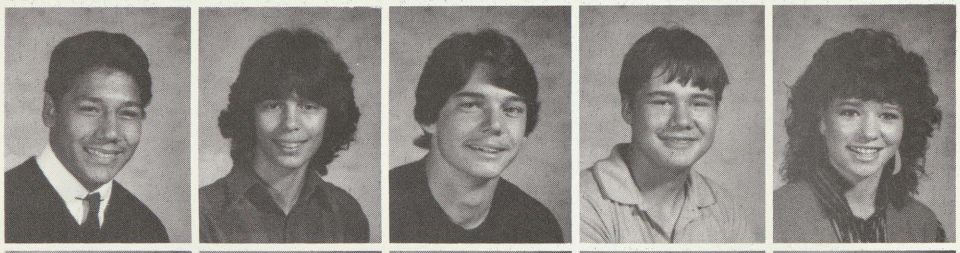

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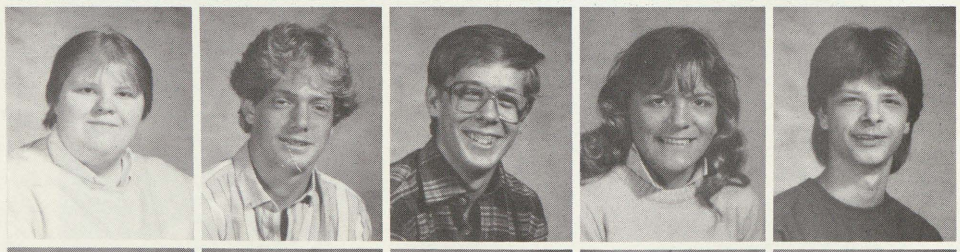

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Michele Lednicky

Laurie Letson
Elizabeth Menerey
Kristy Meyer
Maureen Michael
Joel Mikusko

Scott Mikusko
Marlene Miller

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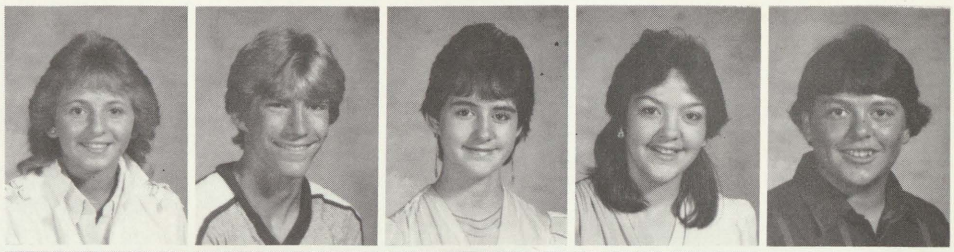

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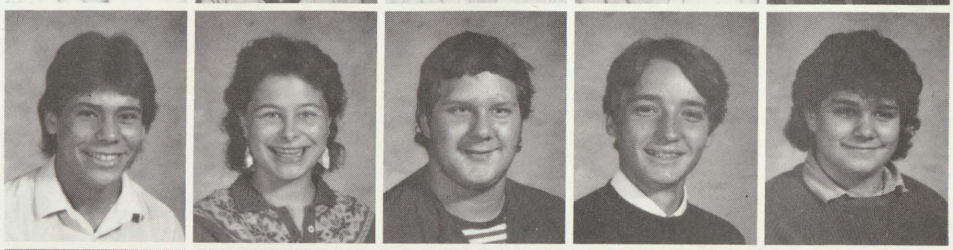

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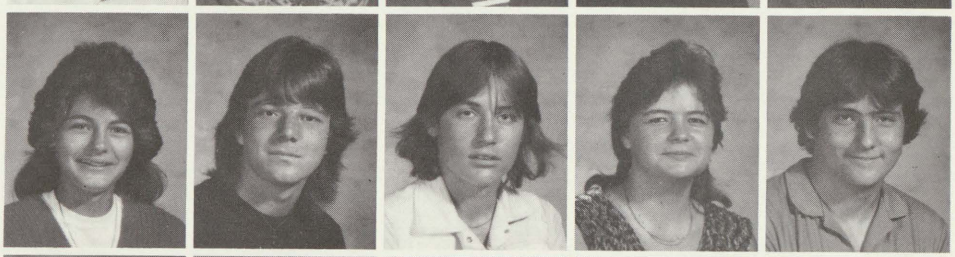

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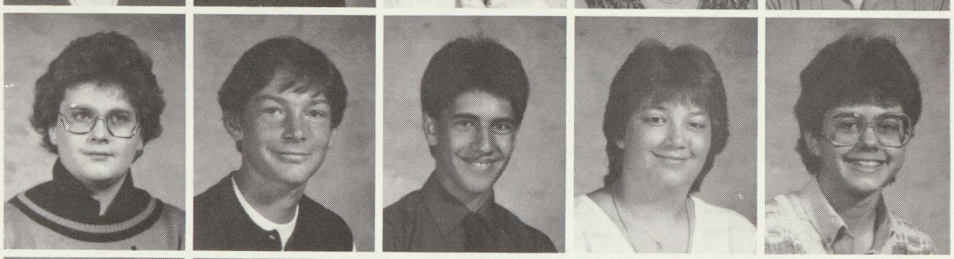

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Shawn Stefanski
Bradley Tack
Donald Thom

Tammy Boo
thinks he is a
Babe →

Heather Vedrode
Jeffrey Vican
Marylou Volz
Heidi Wale
Dana Wenzel

Jennifer White
Eric Willman
Tammy Woodard
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Amy Hodges wears her crown of bunny ears.

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Michael Barber
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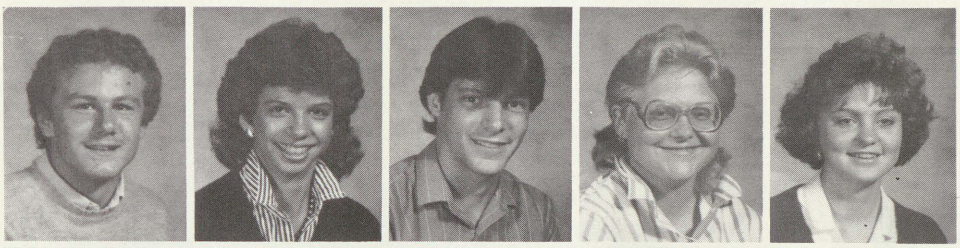
Carrie Breedlove



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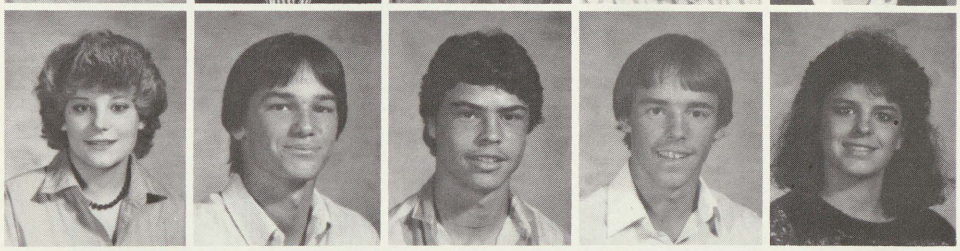

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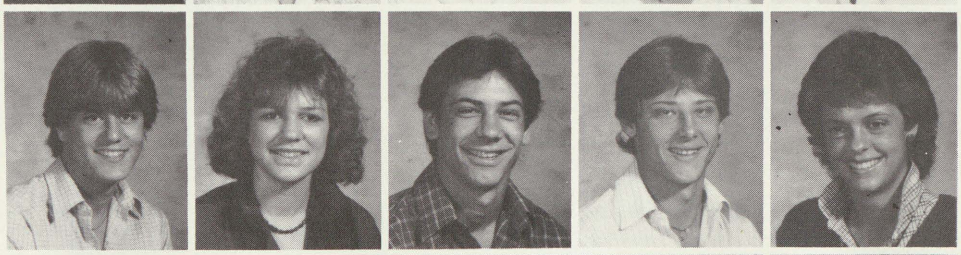

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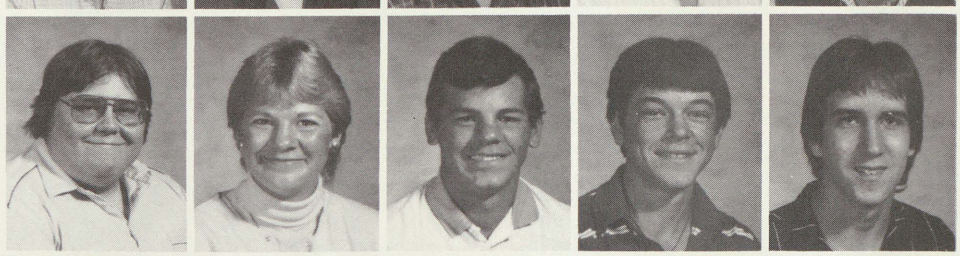

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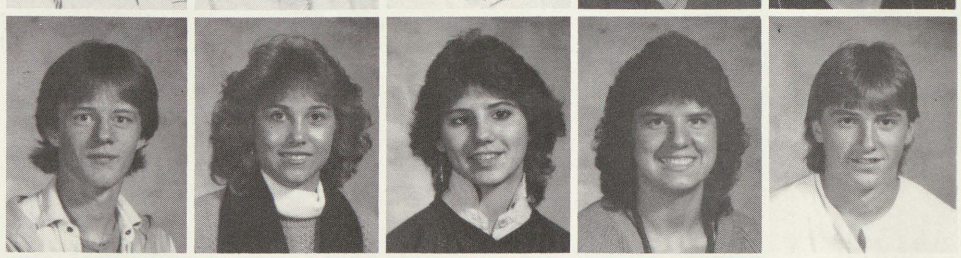

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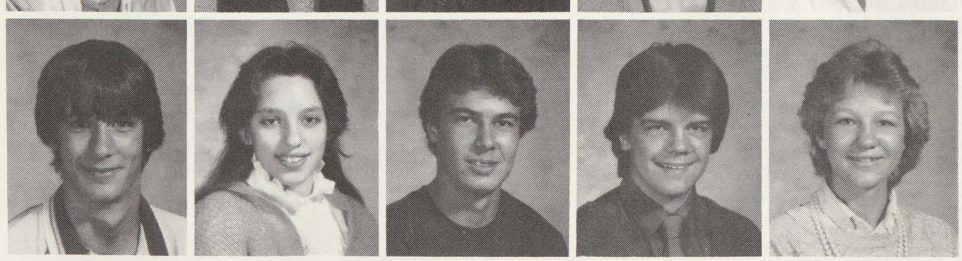

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Lisa Hodges
Michelle Hodges
Brenda Hollingsworth
Michelle Horny

Eileen Howe
Heather Hyatt
Cynthia Jerry
Kellie Keidel
Sherry Knapp

Michelle Kenworthy
Greg Kollhoff
Trisha Kopta
Cindy Kostal
Darrin Kroll

Randy Kroll
Julie Lauckner
Kurt Limberg
Leesa Locke
Thomas McMahon Jr.

Greg Miller
Greg Miller
Ranee Miller
Janet Minnick
Patti Morden

...Caught in the Middle

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Chris Purcell
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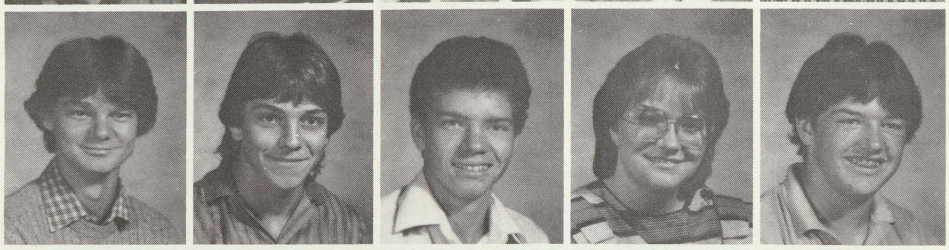

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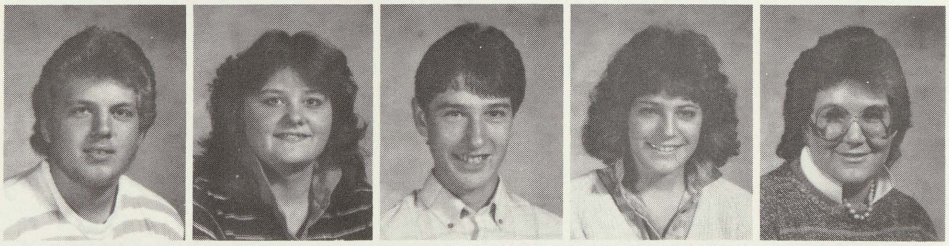

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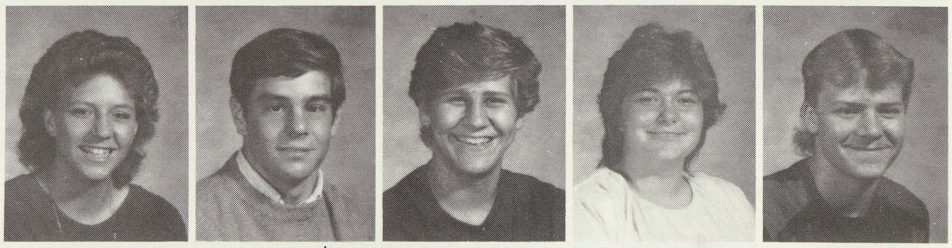

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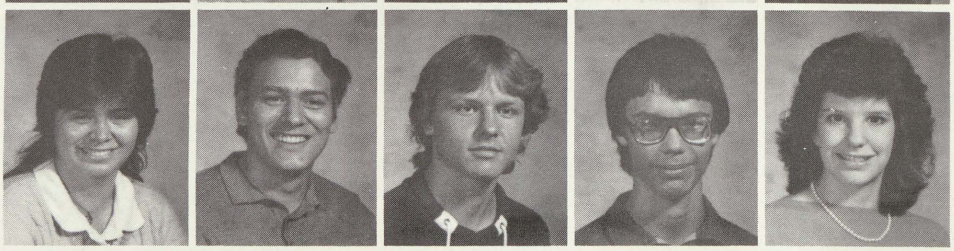

Regina Windom is caught in the midst of a joke.

Jenni Vican
Amy Viola
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John Wagoner
Rodney Wagoner

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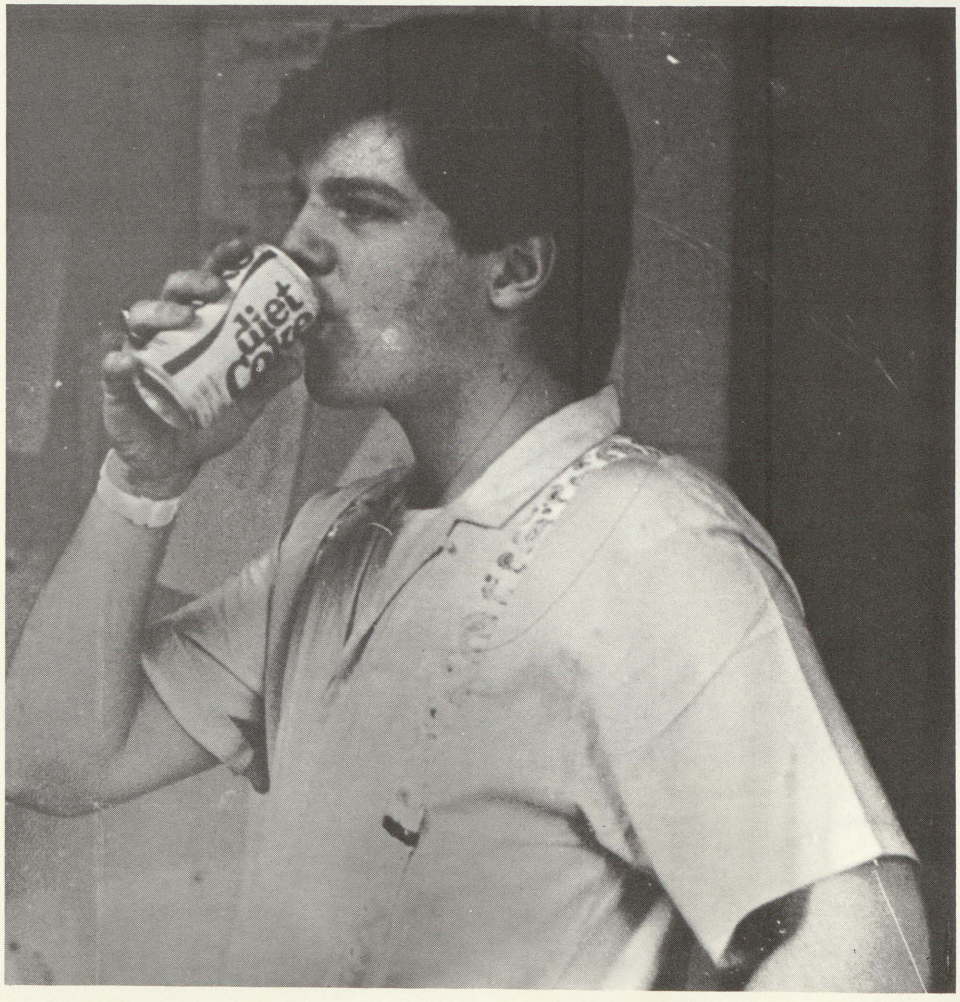

Andy Fortin enjoys a Coke break.

Juniors...

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Lori Beckley
Kerri Benjamin
Susan Beougher
Jill Bigelow

James Bott
Jodie Boyd
Lauri Breedlove
Manuel Brown
Amy Bruch

Henry Castilla
Andy Colpean
Bradley Coon
Ann Coppens
Beth Corbat

Greg Deshone
Tammy Dickinson
Penny Dittenber
Chris Dominowski
Jodi Dougherty

Lori Draves
Deanna DuRussel
Gerald Ellis
Shannon Euler
Darrell Filipiak

Brian Fleming
JoAnn Ford
Lisa Foy
Gregory Garno
Dawn Gerard

Becky Gillam
Lora Gulick
Susan Gutterrez
Lisa Hale
Jeff Harper

Dale Hauri
Mariah Hesse
Robert Hiner
Dennis Hogan
Katie Hogan

Karen Honaman
Jeffery Hyatt
Joseph Jewell
Sophia Jimenez
Brian Kafka

Dennis Kalahar
Annette Keel
Charles Kehoe
Julie Kennedy
Michelle Kennedy

Stephanie Keyes
Catherine Kilgore
Kevin Kipfmiller
Stacey Kocsis
Lisa Kopta

Pamela Koviack
Pamela Krasinski
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Richard Lafrenier
Sherri Lamb

...One More Step To Go

Cindy Liedeke
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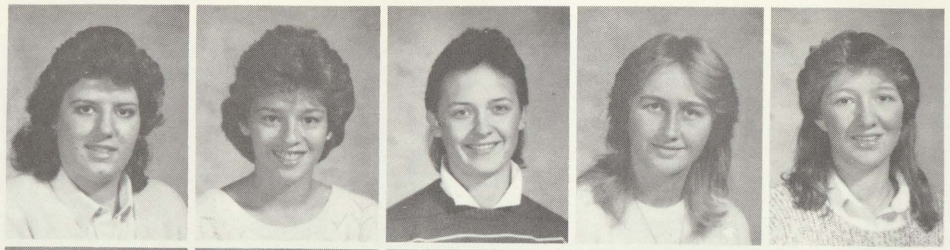
Gail Maier
Margaret Marshall
Wendy Massey



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Mark Montgomery
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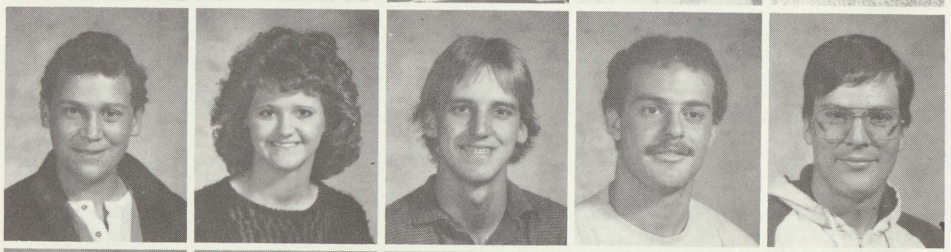

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Michael Petricevic
Cheryl Phillips
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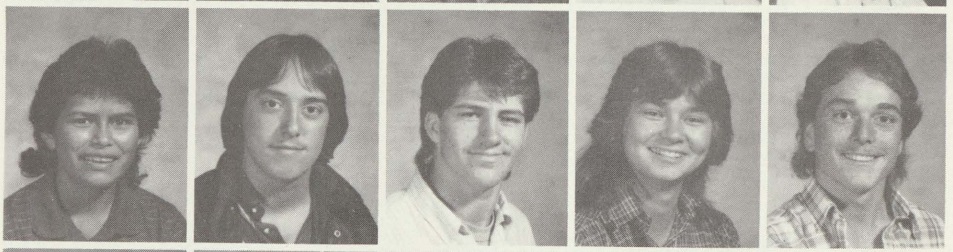

Karla Radosa
Timothy Ribble
Kimberly Rinz
Robert Rosier
Joel Rowley

Jodie Boyd admires some of her classmates antics.

Karen Schaeding
Robert Scherzer
Ann Marie Searles
Andrew Sherman
Kirt Shields

Denise Sierakowski
David Siler
George Siler
Kari Siler
Kelly Siler

Anthony Stewart
Aaron Stiner
Tammy Syrek
Christine Thom
Kathryn Thomas

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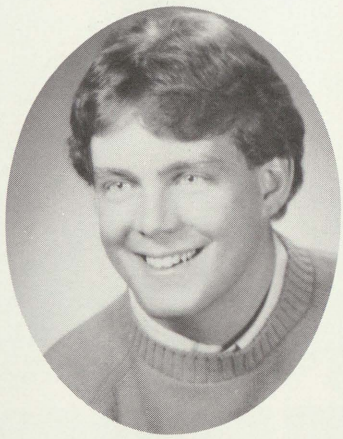
Jason Vanhorn
Tod Weigold
Timothy Wicke
David Wright

Rob Scherzer gets into his English.

Senior's Success...

Jerri Lynn Francetic



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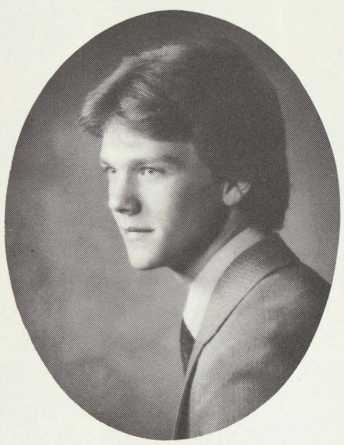
April Dawn Strobel



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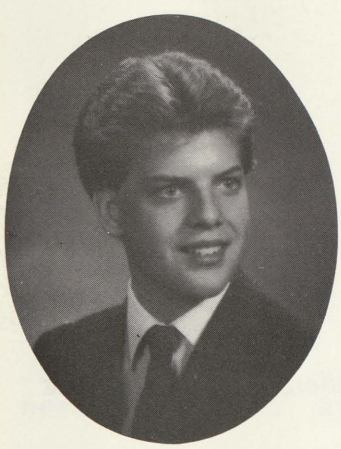

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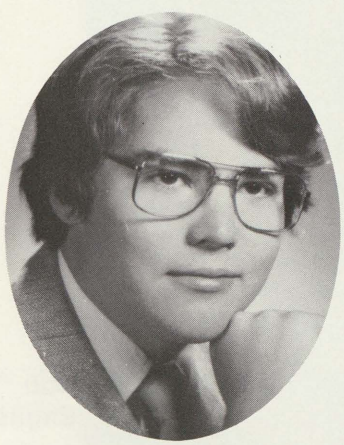

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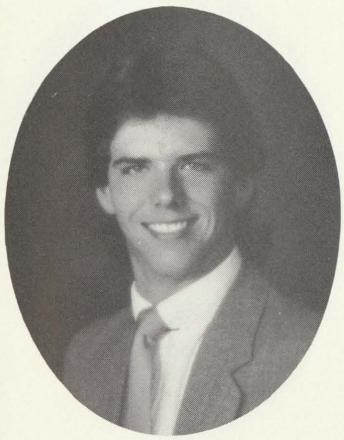

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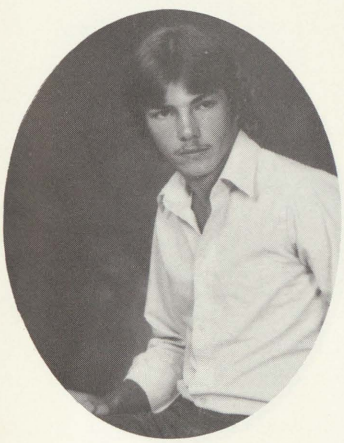

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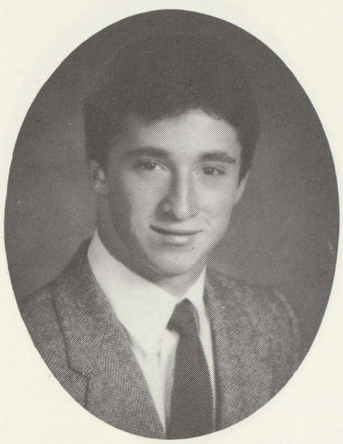

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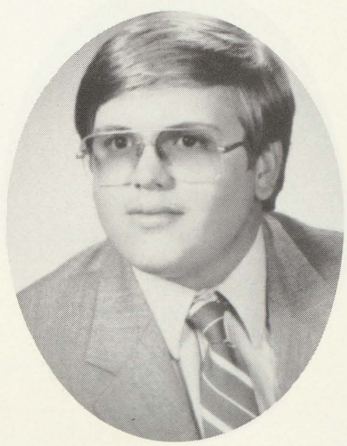

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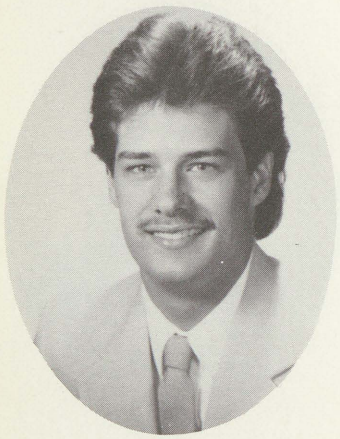
...success built on determination...



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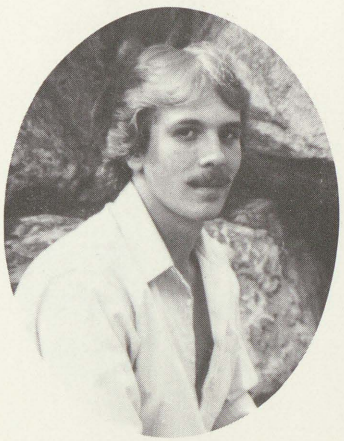

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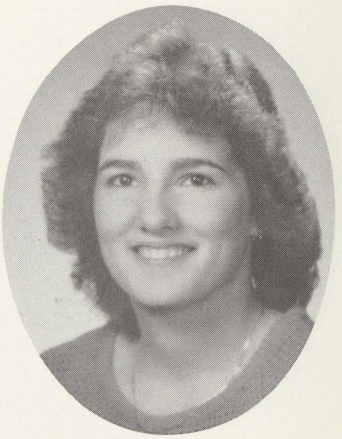

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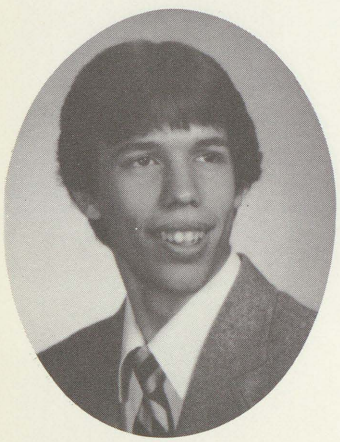

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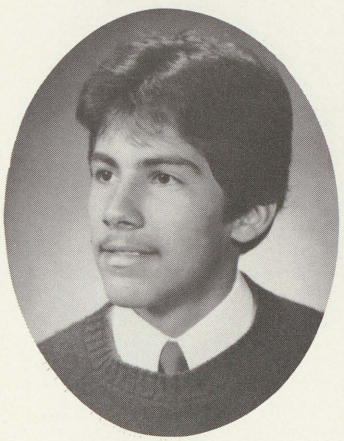

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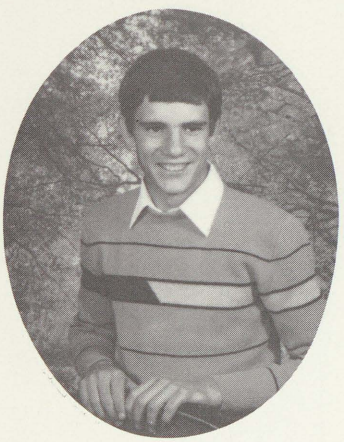

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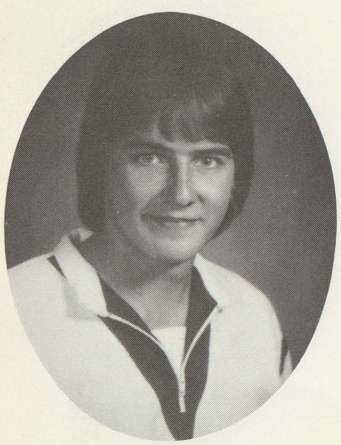

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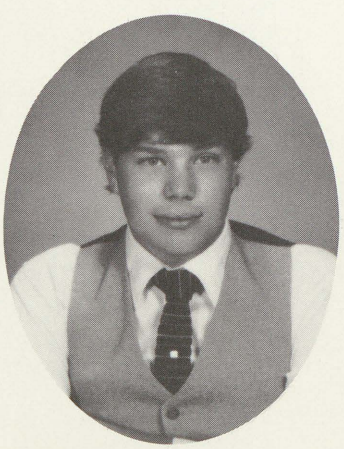

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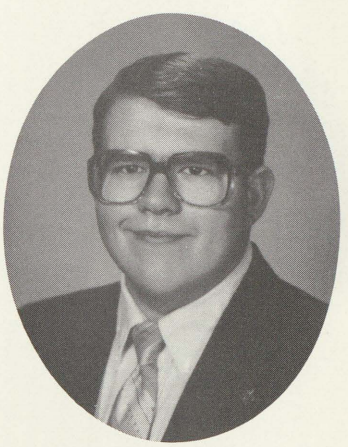

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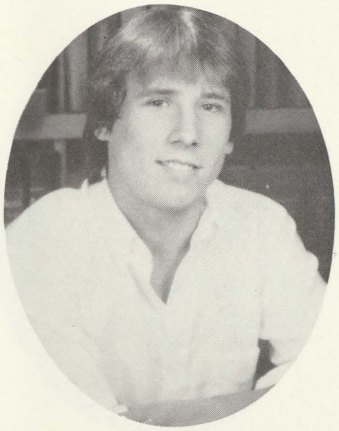

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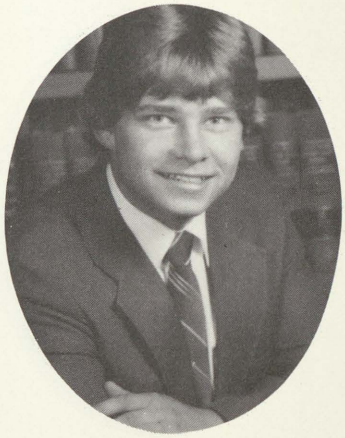

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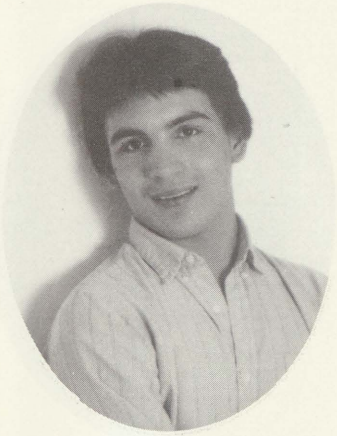

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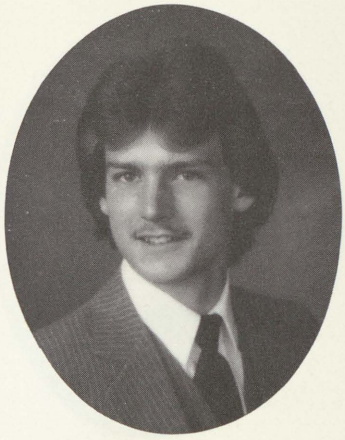

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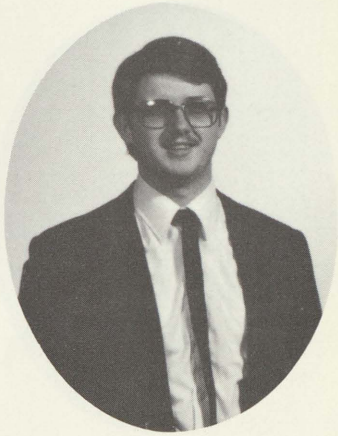

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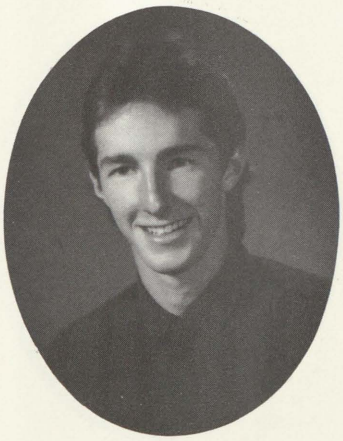

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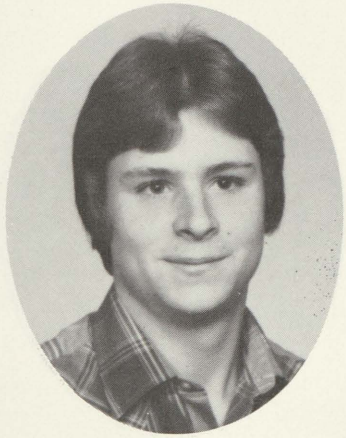

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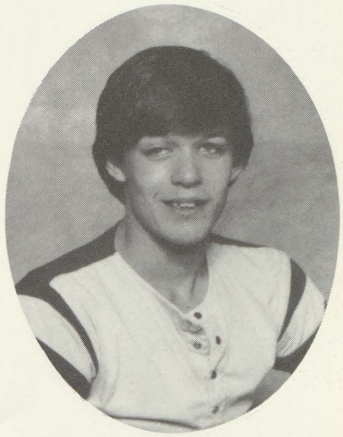

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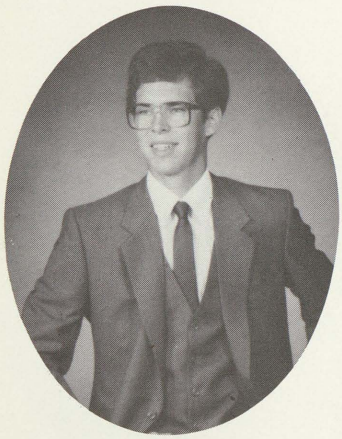
...Perserverance promotes success...



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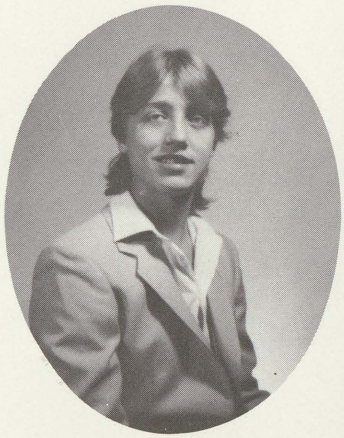

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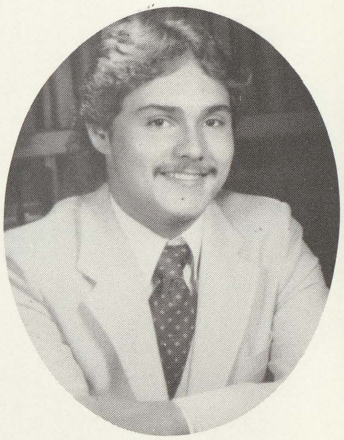

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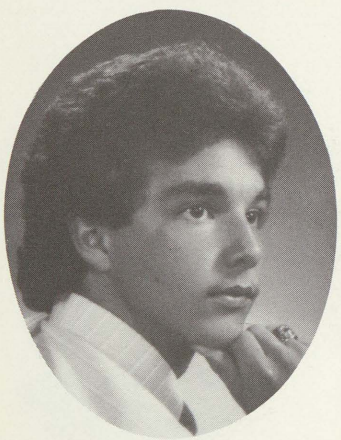

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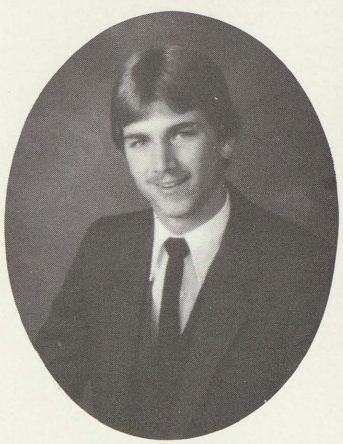

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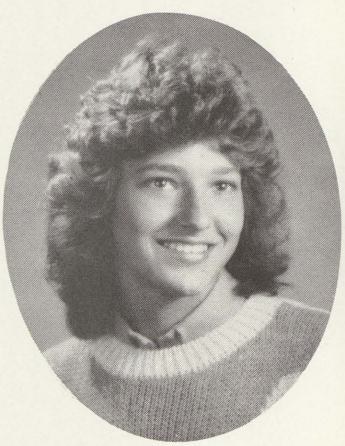

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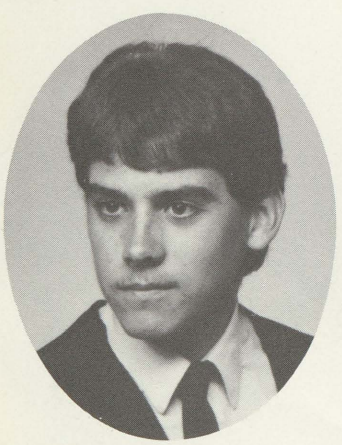

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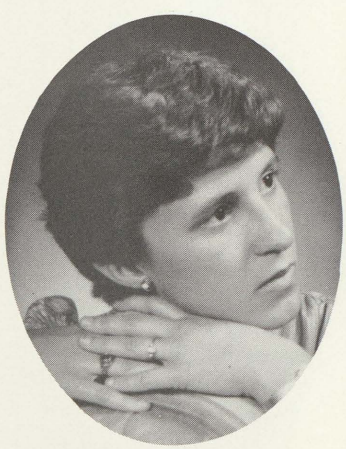

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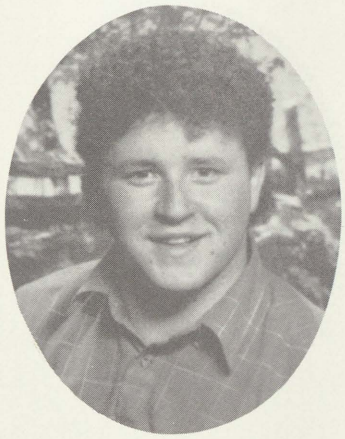

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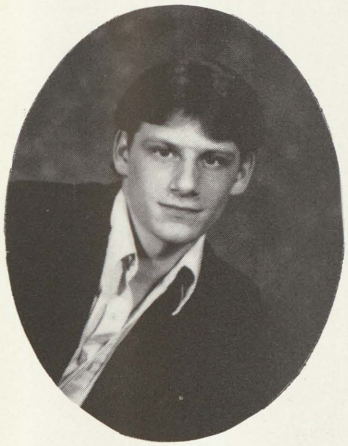

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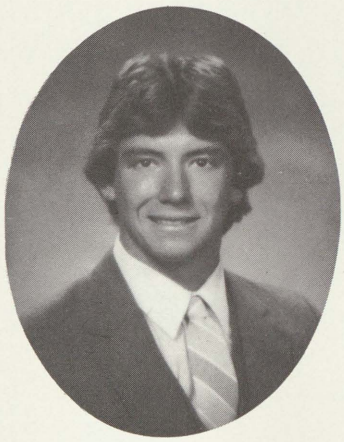

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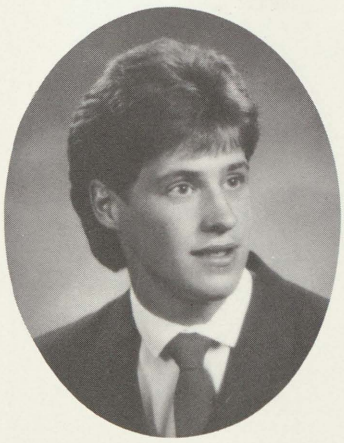

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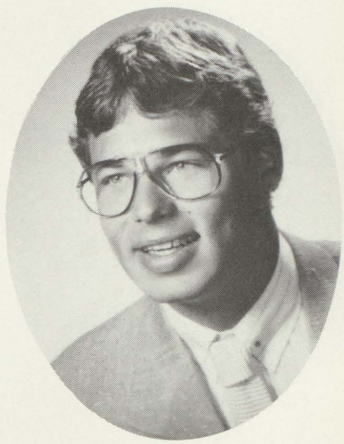

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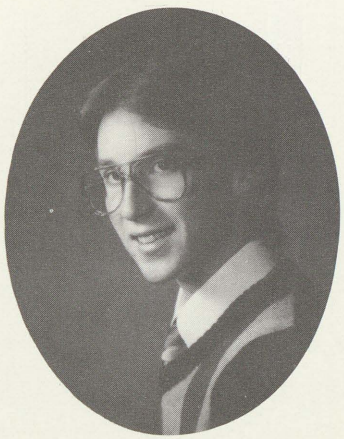

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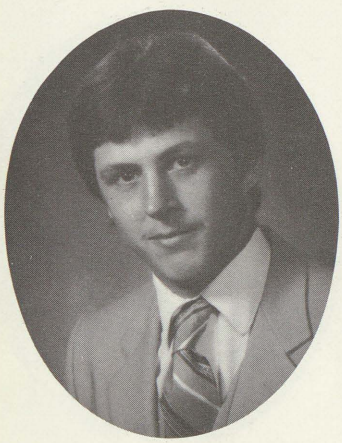

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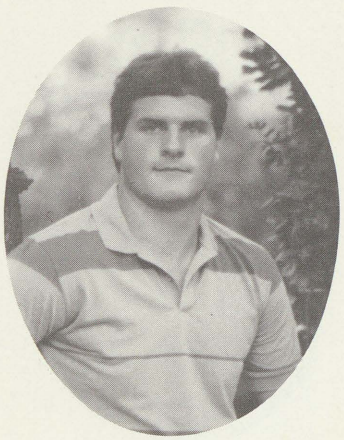

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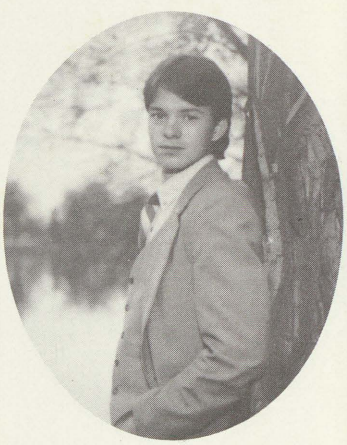

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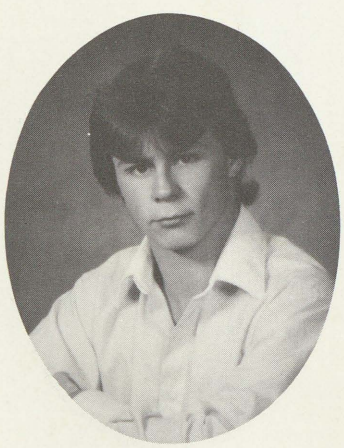

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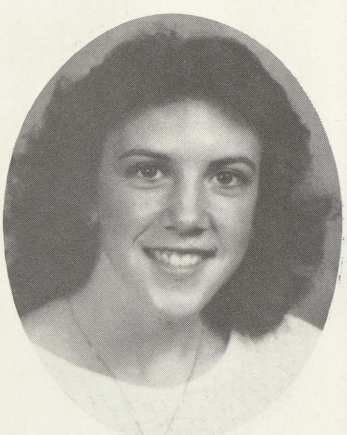

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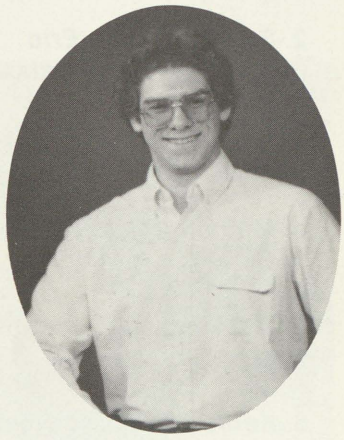

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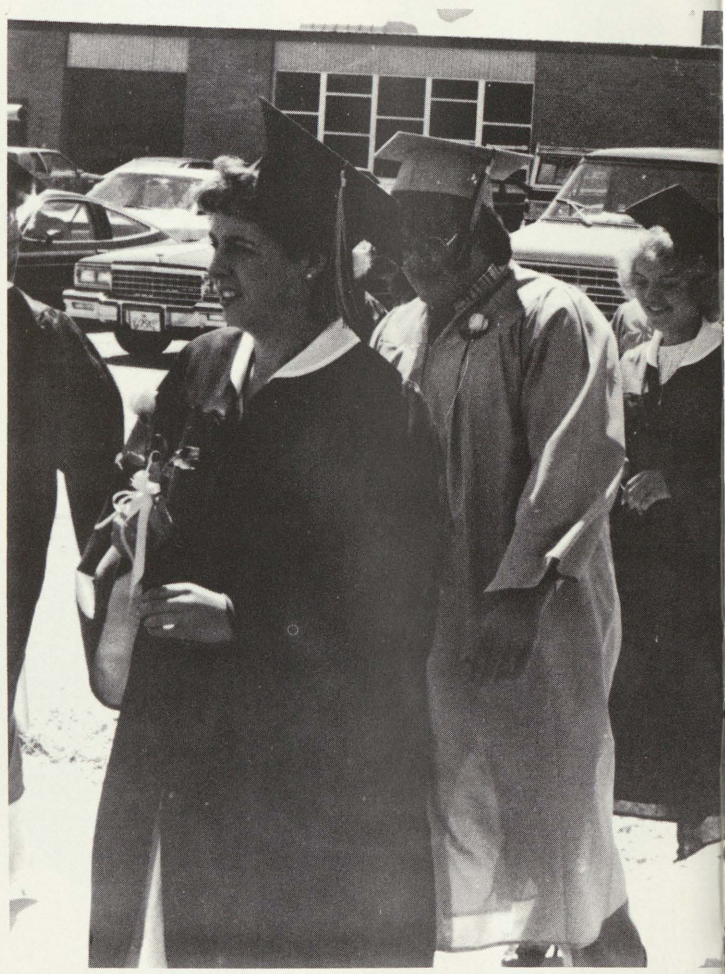
Suddenly It's Over

The long wait slowly grinds to a halt. Practice, wait, practice, wait. Soon Sunday dawns sunnily. Then more waiting in the gym until the long-awaited words "let's line up" fill the eager ears. From there, a blur: the band, friends and family, speeches, awards, papers blowing away, songs and more speeches. Until finally after all the waiting, the name that the graduate has been straining to hear--his own.



1.-The long walk to the field reminds graduating seniors that this is their last event togather as Merrill students.

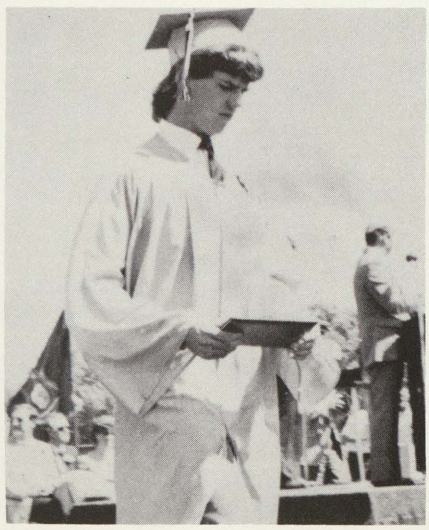
2.-Salutatorian *Eric Fleming* stages friendly challenge with his classmates.

3.-Clutching the diploma, *Jim Anderson,* reflects on what it means.

4.-*Mindee Davis* returns to her seat after her trip to the stage.

5.-The long wait continues as another speaker addresses the grads.

6.-*Kellie Thom's* expression shows the bitter sweet emotion of graduation.



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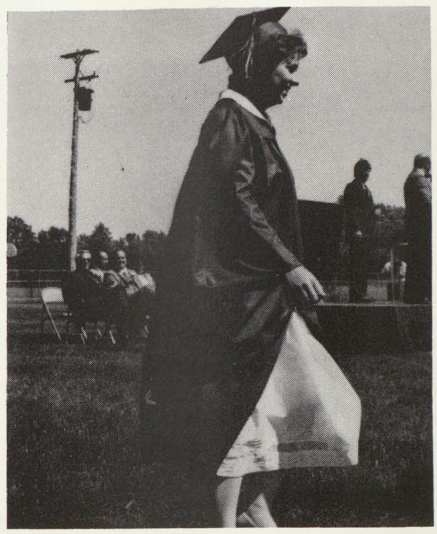

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Drawing to a close

Thirteen long year: English, History, Math...Lunch...Detention...Buses...Drivers License...Friends...Parties...Sports...Fun and Frustration...Joy and Sorrow. Suddenly it's over. Let life begin!

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1.-*Jerri Francetic* worked hard for the honor of being valedictorian.
2.-*John Searles* breathes a sigh of relief.
3.-*John Osborne* double checks his diploma for a signature.
4.-Happily returning to her seat, *Brandi Gutknecht* expresses the mood for the day.
5.-*Jeanne Osbourne* and *Stacey Siler* share a happy moment.
6.-Receiving *Nick Cooper's* congratulations is *Lisa Strasel.*
7.-Hats off for the Class of 86!

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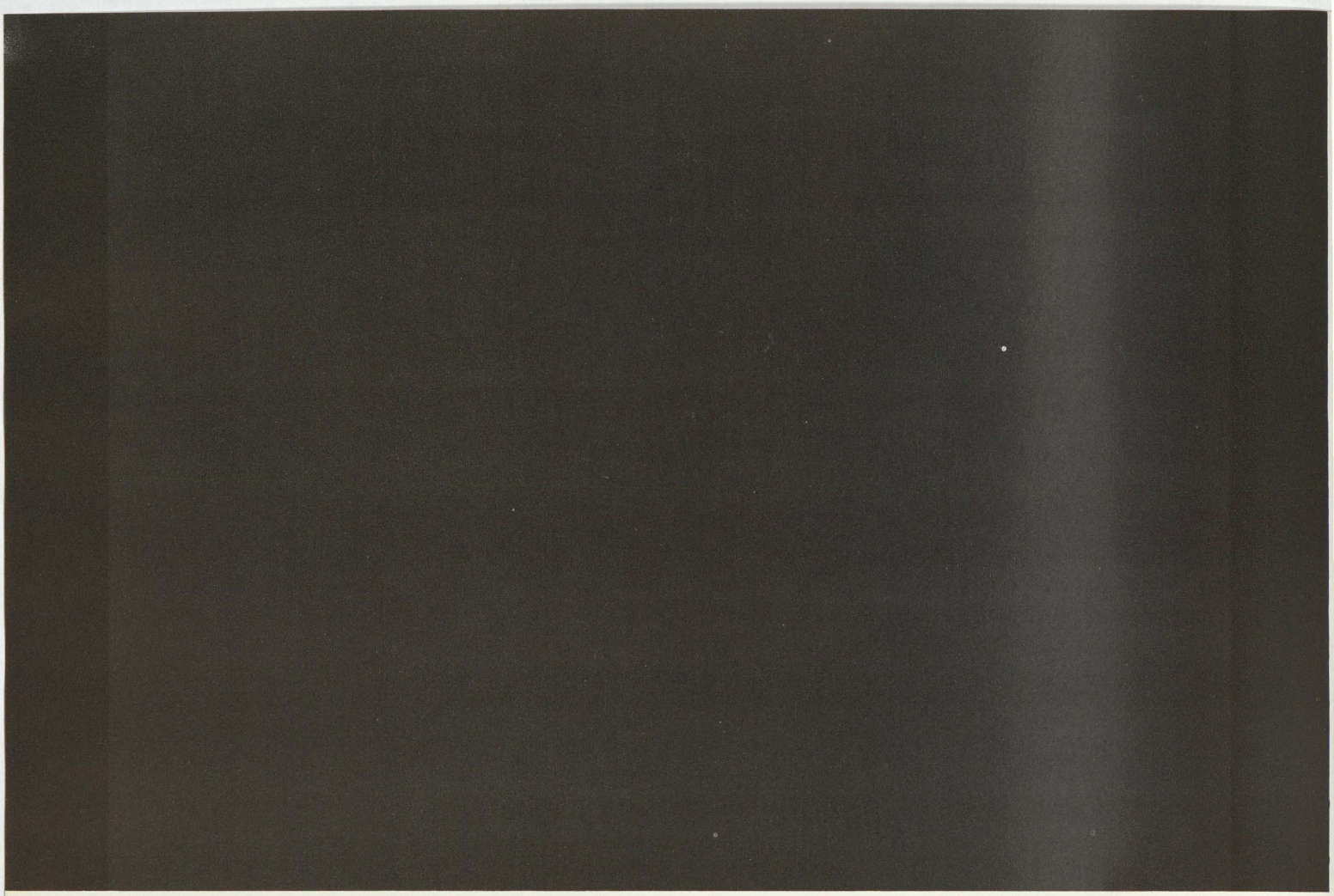

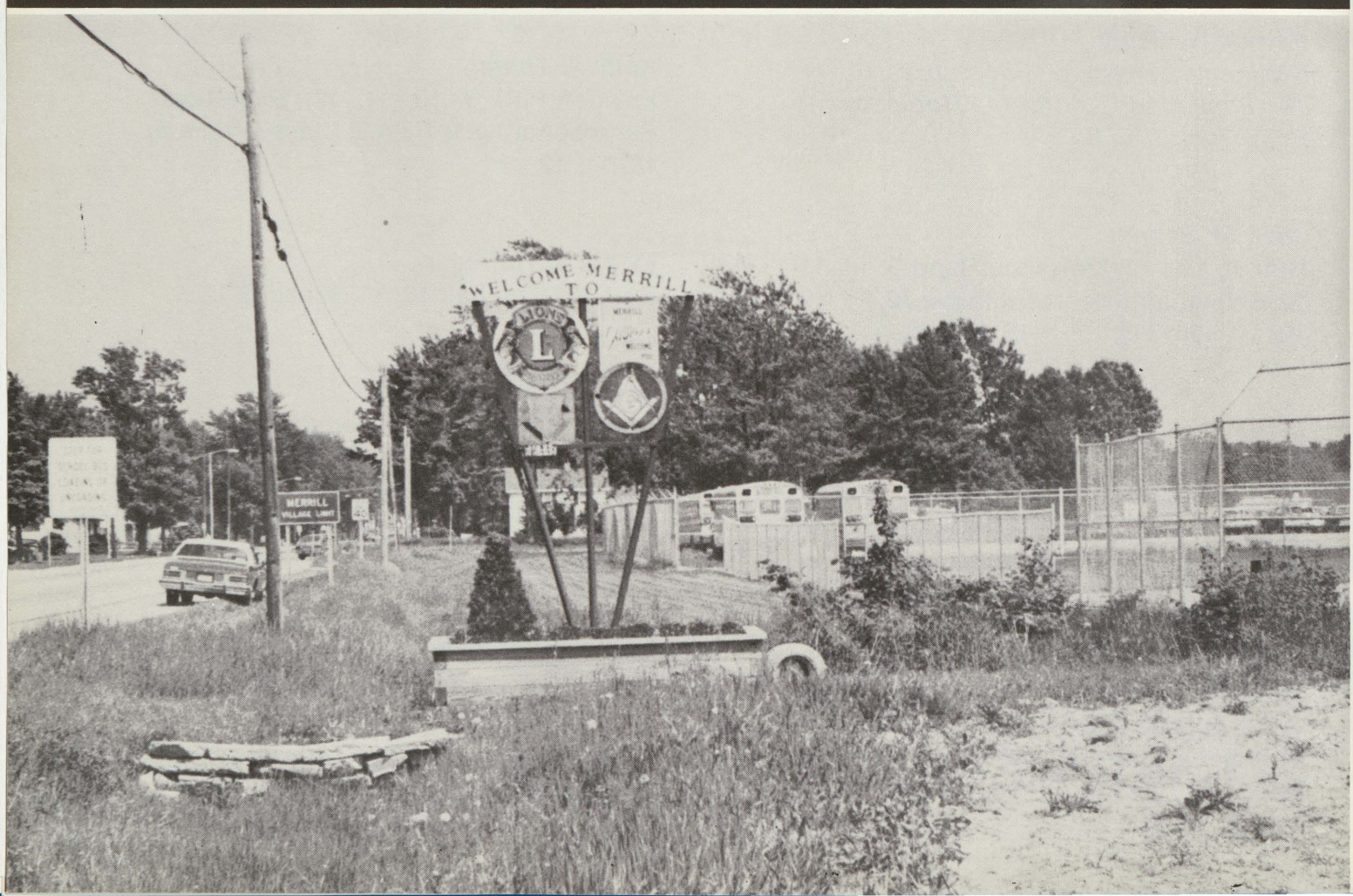
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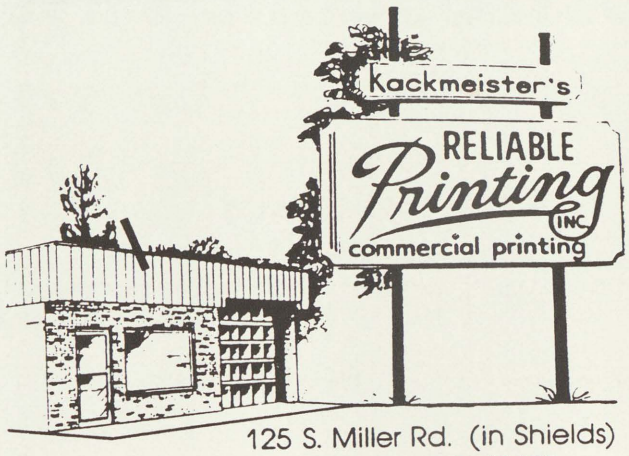

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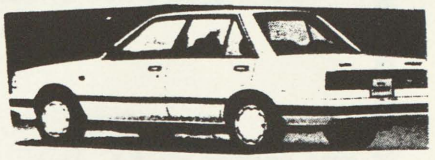

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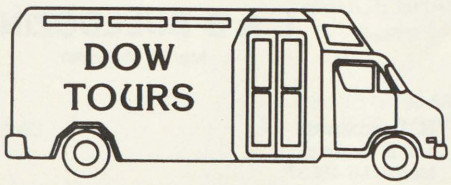

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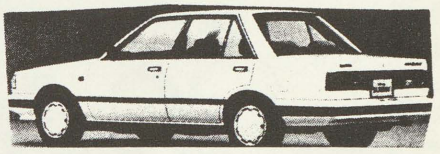

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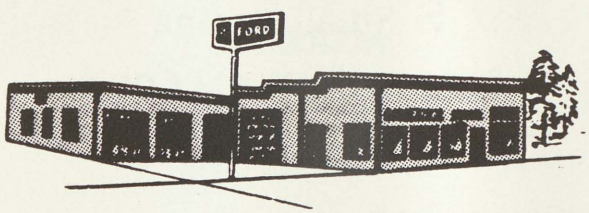

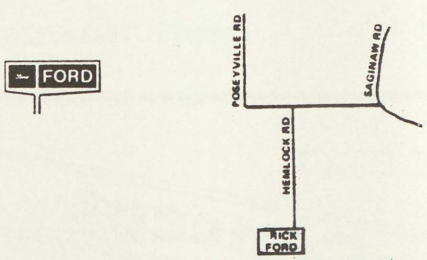

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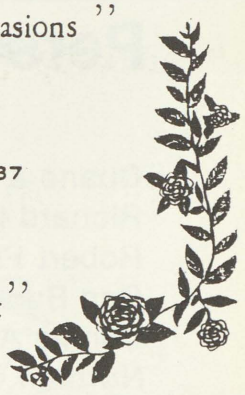

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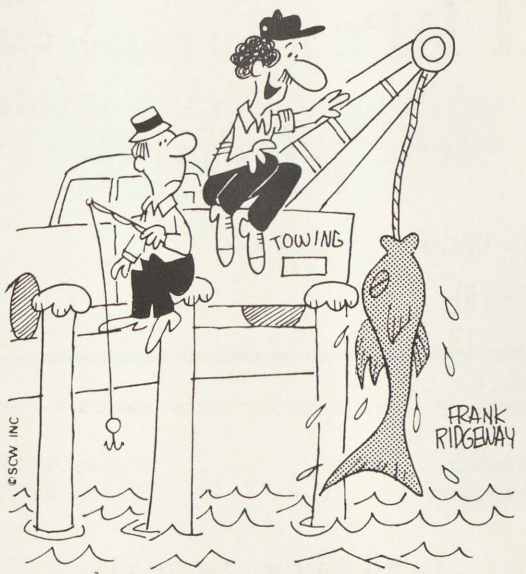

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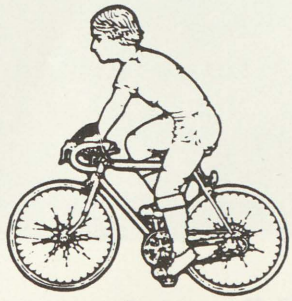

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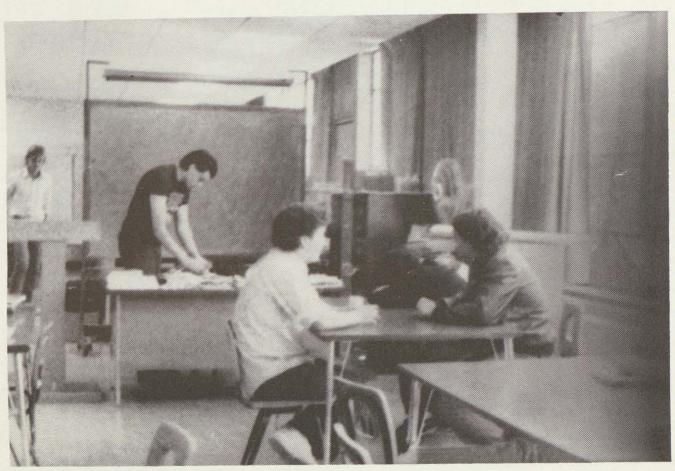

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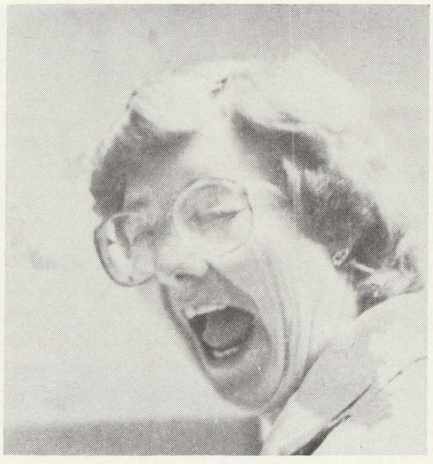
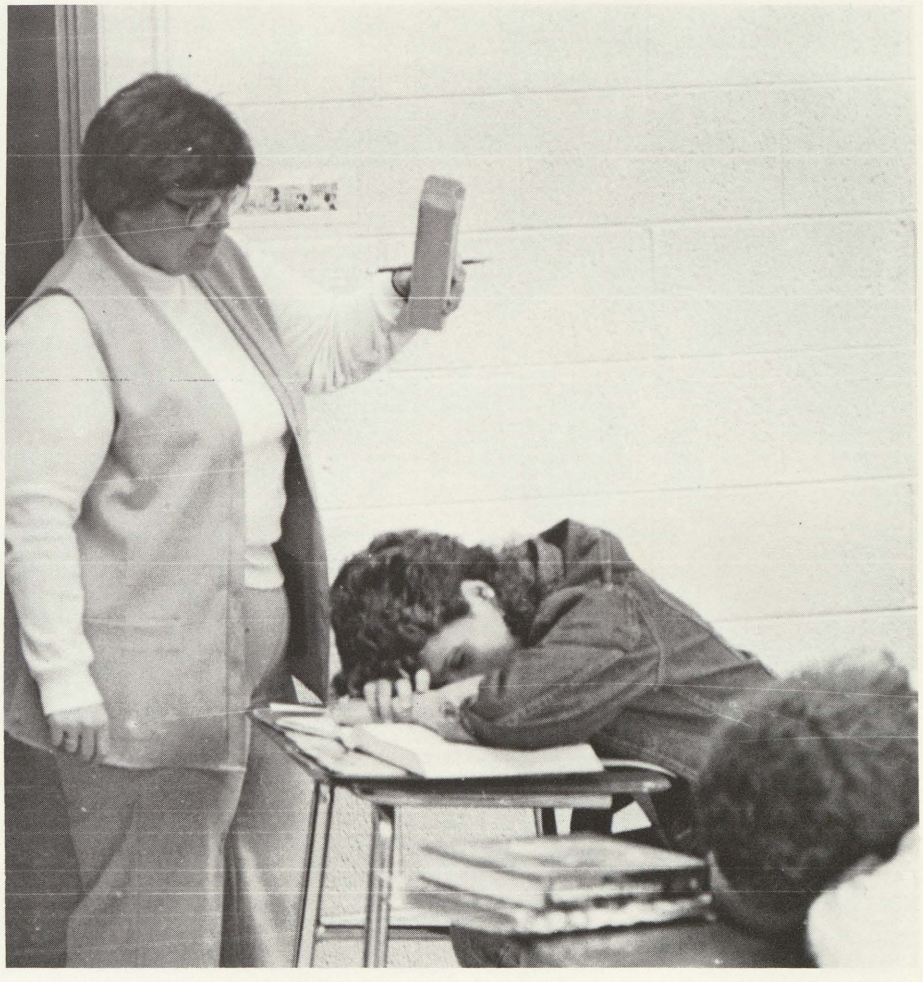
Monday morning doldrums set in as soon as the cacophonous alarm jostles us into the world of reality. But reality doesn't linger as the yawns, blank gazes and dreaded carsh in class soon overcome us.





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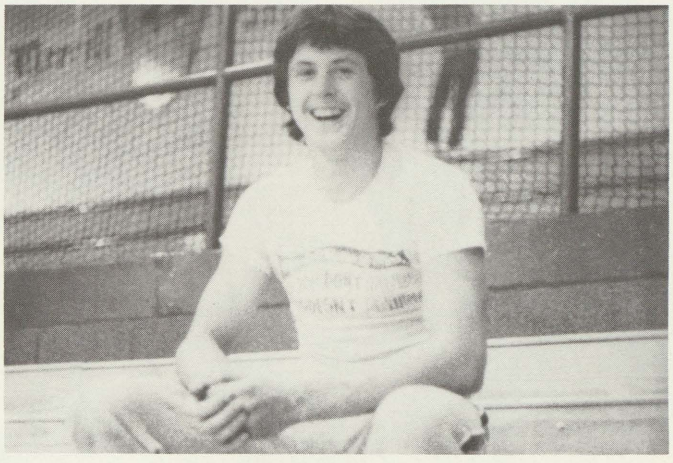
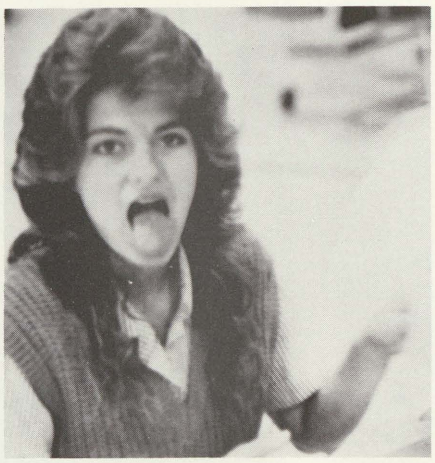
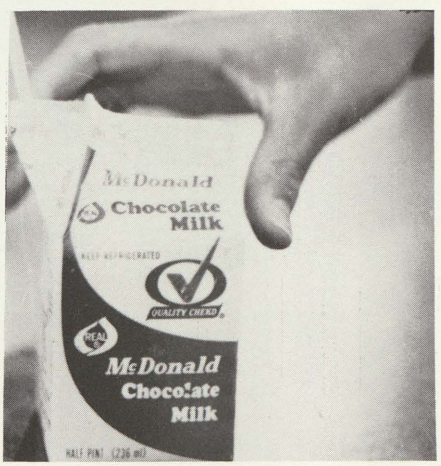
Picking up where Monday left off, Tuesday revives us. Not quite ready to be serious, we are glad to be with friends and more than ready to goof off.







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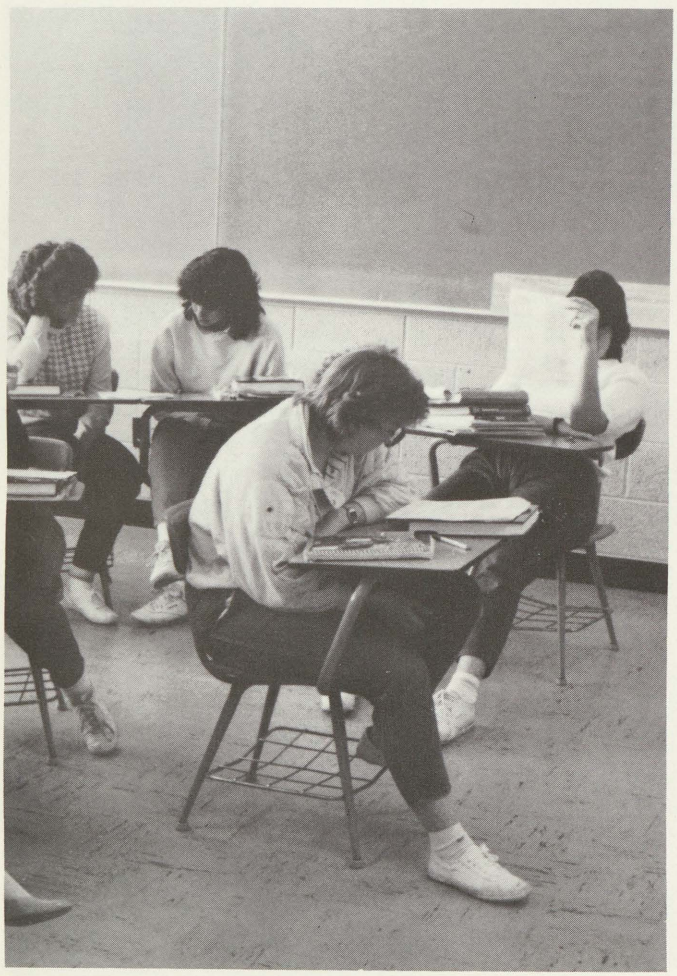
Mid-week like midday finds us perpetually hungry for the weekend. Trying to avoid the unpleasant thoughts of disecting sheep eyes we turn to thoughts of lunch.



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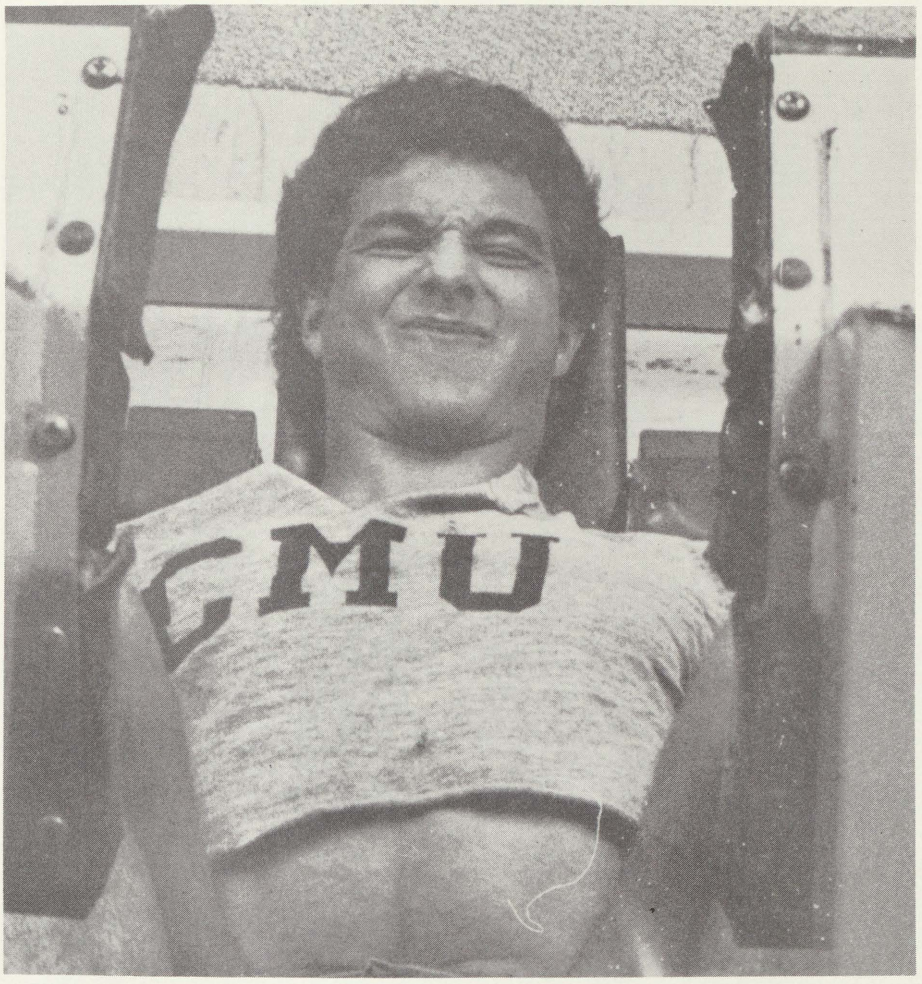
Thursdays bring about a sense of urgency. We know we have a lot of work to accomplish--and who wants to be bothered with work on the weekend!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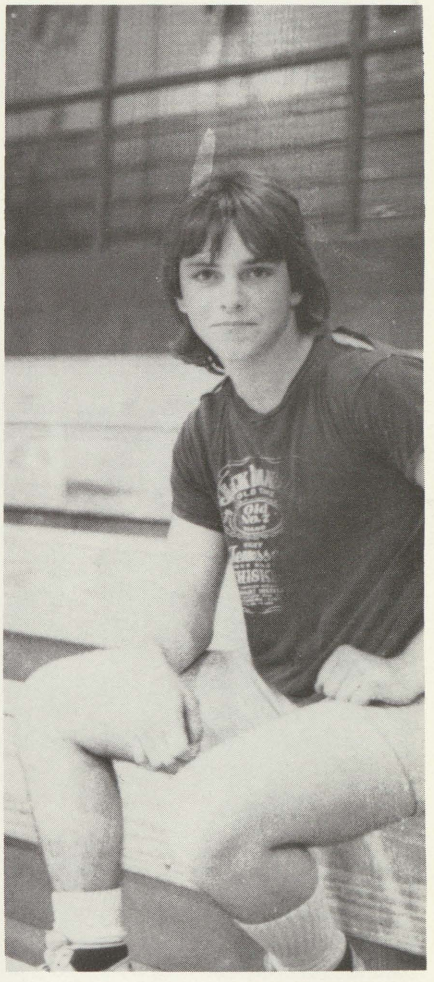

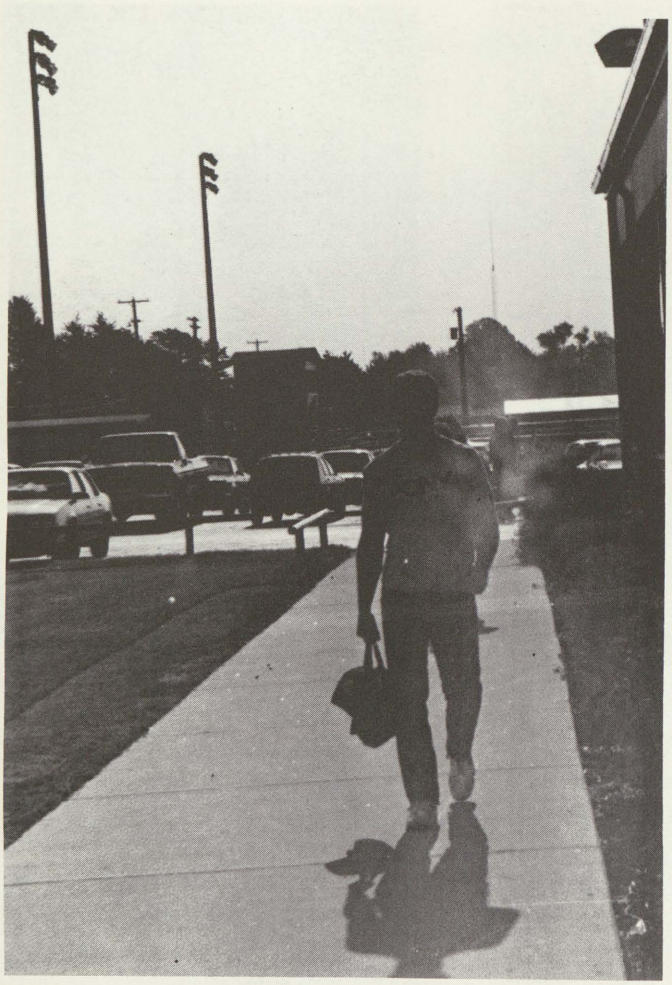

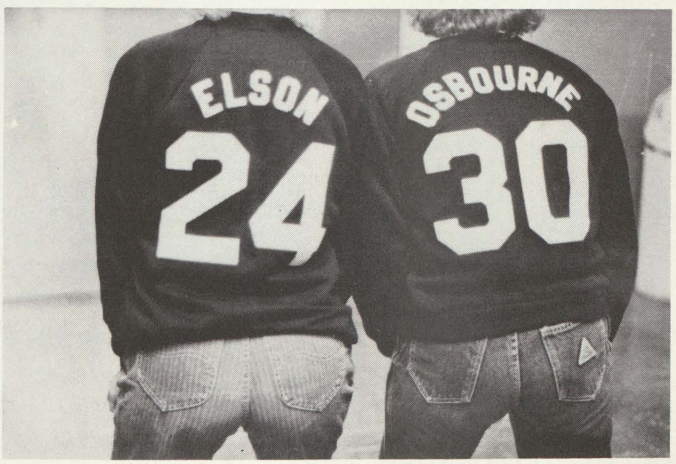

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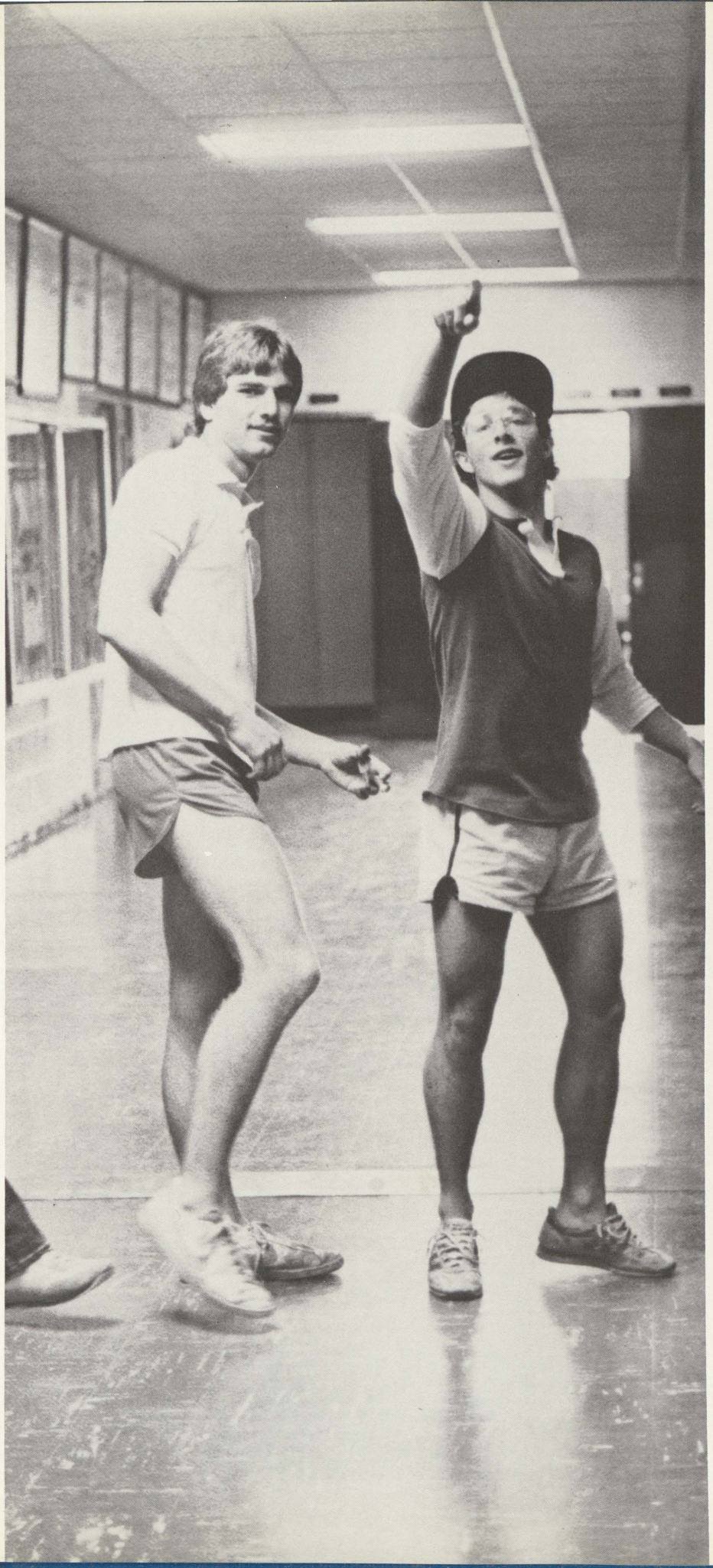

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